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*"This is the final element in the renaissance of the University." — Charles Gallagher*

## Opus to build 'Gallagher' center

BY CHAD ENGELLAND

Editor-in-Chief & Publisher

Friday, the Board of Trustees chose Opus Corporation from Minneapolis to design and build the new \$15 million university center. Trustee Charles Gallagher will match the sum raised from other sources up to \$7.5 million to fund the complex.

According to Dr. Ronald Slepitza, vice president for Student Development, the new center will likely be named after its chief benefactor, Gallagher, who is Chairman and CEO of Gallagher Enterprises LLC of Denver. The university must still raise \$7.5 million from other donors.

"We can't go forward with this until we have ... the money to make

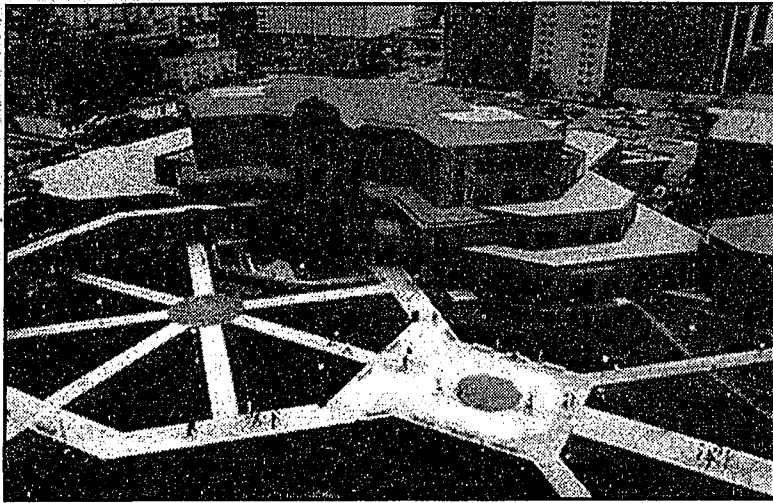


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In 1990, Opus designed and built the student union at Marquette University, a project similar in scope to Xavier's new university center. The red-brick, five-level facility cost \$14 million and took 17 months to complete.

this happen," said Slepitza. "The good news is that when we go to the world at large, we raise half the money, and we're there."

Opus, also builder of the Cintas Center, features the "design-build" concept, meaning the firm both designs and directs construction of the facilities.

Initially, four firms competed for the project. The University's search committee narrowed that list to McGill Smith Punshon, a Cincinnati-based firm, and Opus in mid-October.

According to Bob Sheeran, project representative for the Cintas Center and a member of the search committee, the final two proposals were both very competitive, mak-

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### The highlights

**Budget:** \$15 million

**Principal Donor:** Trustee Charles Gallagher at up to \$7.5 million

**Design Firm:** Opus Architectural and Engineering Firm

**Groundbreaking:** Old university center to be demolished during summer of 2000

**Project Duration:** 15-18 months

**Features:** Food service, theater, student lounge, offices, retail outlets, computer labs and learning centers



Twenty-five years ago this month, Xavier's Board of Trustees voted to abolish the football program.

Next issue, Jan. 13, *The Newswire* will take you back in time to find out why the team was disbanded and relive the lore and glory of a team "undefeated since 1973."



## Students, Xavier anger Norwood

BY CHAD ENGELLAND

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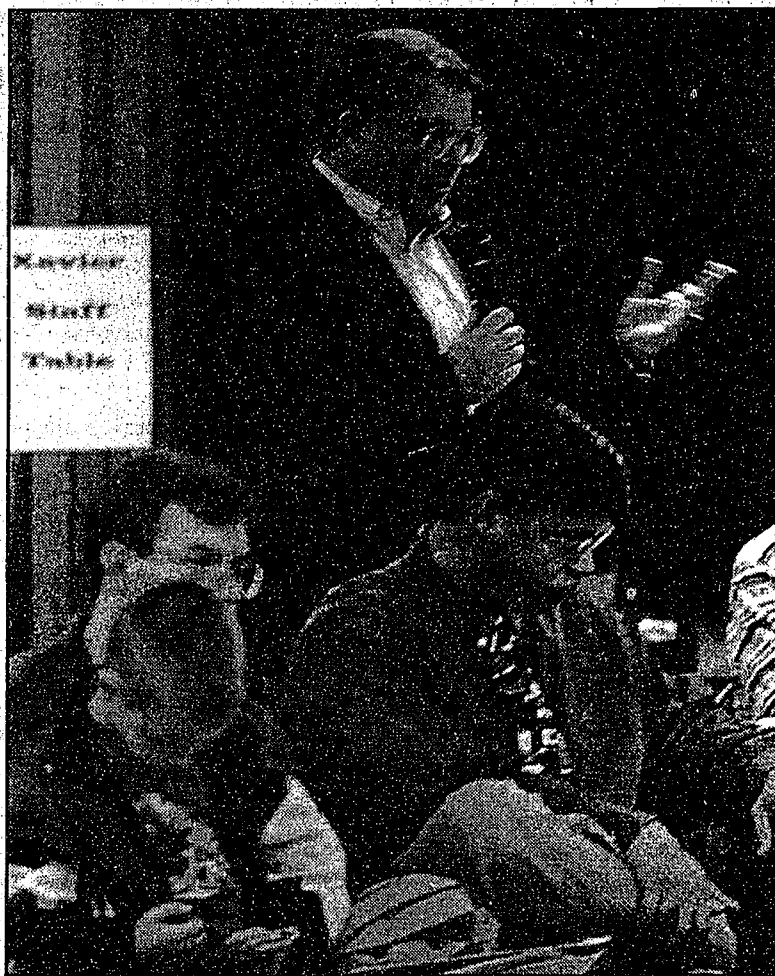
More than 50 Norwood residents assembled with their mayor, police chief and three Xavier officials Saturday to register their complaints about Xavier students' behavior and the University's Cintas Center plans.

Residents voiced their anger and frustration, relating stories of having beer bottles thrown at friends and relatives by inebriated students. They complained about students' behavior, listing public urination, littering, loud parties and physical threats from students among their complaints. Some were concerned with their safety after students threatened them for calling the police to complain.

Residents also found fault with the institution as well, mostly concerned about the impact the Cintas Center will have on local traffic. Xavier wants to extend Webster Avenue to Victory Parkway and open Mentor Avenue to provide access to and from the Cintas Center.

"They're trying to make south Norwood into a university town," said one resident. "This is what Xavier wants. I understand Xavier's already giving sophomores incentives to move off campus, because they had such a big freshman year ... I don't want a university town."

Much of the residents' anger about student behavior was directed toward Vice President for Student



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BILL TERRY

Mayor Joseph Hochbein addresses Norwood residents at the town meeting Saturday. Dr. Ron Slepitza, vice president of Student Development, sits in the foreground.

Development Ron Slepitza, who defended Xavier's policies and commitment to being a "good neighbor." "I think you are describing the behavior of students in the community and much of what you

say is clearly offensive," he said. "On the other hand, I think students do a number of good things, too."

"I agree," a Norwood resident responded. "There are a lot of good Xavier students. We have some

beautiful Xavier students on our street, and I'm not saying all of them are bad, but Cleneay Avenue has got a terrible problem."

Slepitza encouraged those with complaints to call the Xavier police so that Xavier officials can intervene.

"We hold students accountable for their behavior off campus ... We clearly want to work with you to help our students be better neighbors," said Slepitza.

Norwood Mayor Joseph Hochbein defended Xavier to his constituents. "They've actually brought some pressure to bear on their students to try to bring them into line. I don't know of any other university in the country that does that," said Hochbein.

"I know what it means to be a student. It doesn't mean you abuse the system. Now, unfortunately, some of those students are," said a resident who has some theology credits from Xavier. "Some of these students come from very well-to-do families and they need to be told that you have to have responsibilities. With being a student living off campus, you have to be responsible."

She asked Slepitza, "Ron, would any of this that goes on in our neighborhood be allowed on campus?" Cutting off his reply, she said, "Absolutely 'no.' My son lived on campus."

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### Senior exhibit

The senior exhibition of works by Julie Broxterman, Terry Brueneman and Thomas Doepker will be on display in the art gallery from Dec. 11-18. Broxterman's work consists of sea life illustrations and an animal alphabet poster. Brueneman's paintings reflect the art of the carousel. Doepker's exhibit will feature a series of websites that showcase the work of eight other artists, including himself. For more information, call 745-3811. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Urmston Scholarship

Applications for the Benjamin D. Urmston Family Peace Studies tuition remission scholarship are now available. The scholarship offers a tuition remission of up to \$4,000 for the 1999-2000 school year. To qualify, students must be officially registered for the Peace Studies Minor and have at least a 3.20 GPA. Applications are due to the Dorothy Day house by Feb. 1, 1999. For more information, call Dr. Richard Gruber at 745-3825.

### Learning in Nepal

For the first time in the fall of 1999, Xavier will be offering a service learning semester in Nepal. The Nicaragua and Urban semesters will continue to be offered, but in the spring semester only. The deadline for applications for the Nepal semester is Feb. 15, 1999. E-mail Namei@xavier.xu.edu or call Susan Namei at 745-3042 for more information or an application form.

### Hurricane donations

Aid is still requested for the Nicaraguan victims of Hurricane Mitch. So far, more than \$3,000 has been collected. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 18. Checks can be made out to "Jesuit International Missions" and forwarded to Dr. William Madges of the theology department at ML 4442. For more information, call Madges at 745-2049.

### Holiday sale

The bookstore is holding a holiday sale through the end of December. There will be special markdowns on calendars, and various hooded and classic fleece and polartek sweatshirts.

### Food service hours

Food service will close after dinner on Thursday, Dec. 17 for Christmas Break and will re-open for the spring semester on Sunday, Jan. 10 for dinner.

**CORRECTION:** In the Dec. 2 issue, Amy Zywicki wrote the "Students shut out of dance" article.



## Police Notes



**Thursday, Dec. 3, 12:15 p.m.**

A student on the second floor of Brockman reported his XU AllCard had been used three or four times without his consent to remove \$450 from his checking account. A suspect has been identified and will face internal disciplinary charges.

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 1:15 a.m.**

The owner of the Norwood Café reported a male subject removed a Betty Davis poster from the window. The subject was last seen walking toward Xavier's campus on Cleneay Avenue.

**Sunday, Dec. 6, 12:05 a.m.**

Someone threw an open beer can through an open window on the ground floor of Brockman. The contents may have caused damage to a computer in the room. The subject fled the scene.

### Police Note of the Week

**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 10:15 p.m.**

Xavier campus police responded to a disturbance on the second floor of Kuhlman. Investigation revealed that a commuter student had entered the building with a baseball bat searching for his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend. The student was cited by XU officers for menacing behavior and will face additional internal charges.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BILL TERRY

In keeping with the holiday season, senior Kristi Waning and junior April Meyers wrap gifts for the six-person family the 10 p.m. mass community has adopted.

## Campus holiday helpers

BY RODERICK HINTON

News Writer

A number of campus organizations are helping those less fortunate this holiday season by bringing some cheer to the needy.

The students 10 p.m. Mass has adopted a six-person family for the holiday season assigned to them by the Xavier Commuter Services Center. The family includes Pauli (40), Renesha (15), David (12), Katha (9), Destiny (7) and Jessica (4).

For the past three Sundays the 10 p.m. Mass collection has gone to purchase gifts for the six-member family. So far, \$400 dollars has been collected to purchase clothing, books, crayons, food and toys for the family.

"Our goal is to provide the best possible Christmas with what we have," said junior April Meyers. "Although we can't put a face with a name, to have the opportunity to help a family less fortunate makes you feel complete."

For several years, Commuter

Services and the Hamilton County Department of Human Services have teamed up to provide for more than 40 families during the holiday season.

Commuter Services sends letters to resident assistants, academic departments, student organizations and selected outside groups.

Families were assigned to interested organizations and departments by Commuter Services based on their ability to provide for a large, medium or small family.

Everyone sponsoring a family was asked to provide at least two gifts per family member, but were encouraged to do more if they were able.

To protect the privacy of the family, delivery will be done by the Hamilton County Department of Human Services. A date for delivery has yet to be determined.

Students Taking Action Today (STAT), the Wellness Team and the Health and Counseling Center are also teaming up to share their gifts.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, the AIDS

Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC) will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast with Santa for children 12 and under who live with HIV or AIDS.

STAT, the Wellness Team and Health and Counseling are collecting gifts for the estimated 300 children who will attend the event.

They are seeking toys, books and clothing to donate to the children.

"They [STAT] wanted to do an awareness day not totally focused on college students but on younger children as well," said Wendy Gordon, nurse for Health and Counseling.

The Health and Counseling Center has paid to have a Mass celebrated for children and adults who suffer with HIV/AIDS infection on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at noon in Bellarmine Chapel.

For more information about the Adopt-a-Family project, contact Campus Ministry at 745-3567. For more information regarding the Pancake Breakfast with Santa, contact Wendy Gordon at 745-3022.

## Norwood: Finding fault with XU

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Bill Terry, a Norwood resident, said the majority of Xavier students are responsible, good neighbors and the student behavior in question is the result of "a few bad apples."

His comments drew applause and prompted Hochbein to remind his constituents not to paint with "broad brushes" and make generalizations. "The problem is not Xavier students. The problem is some people who are causing trouble. If it becomes 'all Xavier students with a problem' then it becomes destructive," he said.

Hochbein updated residents on construction of the Cintas Center and related developments, including redevelopment of the Montgomery Road area near Xavier to include retail space, offices and some Xavier facilities. The highlight, he said, would be a new Kroger's grocery store.

"The idea would be that it would

not only be a place that people from Xavier would want to go. It would be an area that people from Norwood would want to go," he said.

He also made it clear that his paramount concern is to protect the neighborhoods and control the traffic problem. "I think I've been adamant with Xavier about the city's position on traffic control. But, on the other hand, I hope I've sent the other message, which is we want to work with Xavier to make it a good thing for Norwood and Xavier University."

The role of the university as a good neighbor proved to be a constant theme during the meeting. "It's a two-way relationship. We hope residents are good neighbors to our students, too," Slepitzka told *The Newswire*. "I think it would be a mistake for the university to say we have no responsibility for students who live off campus. We all

live in a community for our whole lives. We need to figure out how to do that well."

Slepitzka thought residents' "fears and anxieties" about property values and the development of the area colored the student behavior residents were perceiving. "I don't believe our students slash tires or throw bottles at people."

"People in the neighborhood see you with a set of eyes that may not be accurate, but you have got to understand it. Simply to ignore it is not an effective strategy," he said.

The meeting, held in the cafeteria of the Norwood English Lutheran Church on Montgomery Road, lasted over two hours and featured baked goods and refreshments.

In addition to Slepitzka, Xavier's representatives included Chief of Police Michael Couch and Dr. Luther Smith, executive director of Student Services.



# Awareness vs. abstinence

BY KELLY HIXSON MATTINGLY

News Writer

Last week, two talks with very different messages occurred in Kelley auditorium. Thursday, the Women's Issues house on Ledgewood Avenue sponsored a forum on HIV prevention and education. One night earlier, the philosophy department's Dave Meconi, S.J., raised awareness of problems with birth control.

AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC) representative Todd Rademaker was the speaker for Thursday's event. "It's not who you are. It's what activities that you engage in that can put you at risk," he said.

"Personally, I think it is an important issue. People are scared of it, but we chose to address this issue because the risk [of transmission] in college is much greater," said junior Angie Siegler.

Trouble began with the Women's Issues house forum when posters were being removed from walls advertising their event. The students found that abstinence related posters had replaced their AIDS awareness posters.

"We ordered free AIDS awareness posters from the Internet and posted them with our fliers attached inviting people to the talk. A younger female student admitted to taking them down for personal reasons," said junior Jen Eskra.

Many of the situations Rademaker spoke of were married couples who became infected because someone in the relationship cheated. "Four out of 10 people who know they have HIV/AIDS do not tell their partner. Anyone could be a victim, married or not," said Rademaker.

Rademaker, who lost his uncle to AIDS two years ago, chose to both promote abstinence and be abstinent. "I promote abstinence, but we estimate 1.5 million people



*"Safe sex is based on a lie, big business, money and a misunderstanding of what love really is."*

— Dave Meconi, S.J.

are infected in the United States. The African American community has declared an outbreak. There are scary things going on," said Rademaker.

He startled the audience with facts surrounding the disease, such as six teenagers become infected every hour, some condoms do not protect against HIV and some one must swallow about one gallon of saliva at one time to transmit HIV through kissing.

"Everyone learned something at the talk. Even if it was the small fact that one-third of women are allergic to non-oxy19," said junior Joyce Homan. She is one of five of the women living in the theme house has now become an AVOC volunteer.

Although Tuesday was World AIDS Day, the turnout for the forum on Thursday wasn't what the women had hoped. "We were disappointed," said Siegler.

However, Meconi's presentation brought about 85 people to Kelley Auditorium to listen to Ann and Dave Stein along with Meconi.

"Each semester I spend about a week in my Ethics 100 classes talking about the irrational act of artificial birth control. I invite a married couple to discuss their experiences with natural and artificial birth control," said Meconi, who did not plan this presentation because of AIDS awareness.

"Every time a couple has sex they are inviting a third party. You may invite God or a chemical com-

pany. Safe sex is based on a lie, big business, money and a misunderstanding of what love really is," said Meconi.

He went on to explain some students may not wish to discuss this issue, but after this week they have some appreciation for the argument.

"When we start telling God when life begins, it's not long after when we tell him when it ends," said Meconi.

"It's like telling your partner, I want you, but not all of you. I don't want your fertility," said Meconi. "The woman is the protector of life, so she should call the shots when a couple should have sex."

He stressed three major points. "First, we need to understand the reality of married love. Secondly, artificial birth control is a lie and is deceptive. Finally, artificial birth control is the root of our major moral problems such as abortion, euthanasia and divorce," said Meconi.

The Women's Issues house, Meconi and the AVOC volunteers all helped to raise awareness this week in their own separate ways.

"If your sexual partner doesn't want to use protection, he or she probably hasn't used it in the past," said Rademaker.

"Our focus was clearly on prevention and education for everyone regarding HIV and AIDS," said junior Megan Aschemeir.

"Artificial birth control reduces sex to a matter of self-gratification," said Meconi.

# Medal awarded

BY AMY ZYWICKI

Campus News Editor

The St. Francis Xavier Medal was awarded to civic leaders Jim and Joan Gardner at the National Alumni Association's Communion Sunday for their exemplary service to both the church and community at Xavier and in the Greater Cincinnati area.

"Through their philanthropy and direct personal service, Jim and Joan Gardner have helped enhance the lives of many, many people," said Rev. James E. Hoff, S.J., president of Xavier University. "Their actions have demonstrated that the kingdom of God is alive and visible in the world."

Recommendations for the St. Francis Xavier Medal are made by the 10-person Committee on Public Honors.

According to the committee's charter, its purpose is to recommend individuals, organizations and corporations who, through their lives and accomplishments, exemplify the spirit, values and mission of Xavier and therefore are deserving of public recognition by the university.

"Nominations are solicited from trustees, faculty and friends of the University," said Megan Jackson, Public Honors committee member and marketing manager for Xavier.

The committee then goes through those nominations and evaluates. Research on the individuals is then given back to the committee, who decides which will be sent to Hoff and the selected Board of Trustee members, who will eventually make the final decision.

According to the committee's award description, the St. Francis Xavier Medal recognizes outstanding individuals who, through their endeavors, exemplify the qualities that made Francis Xavier a saint of

action, courage, daring and imagination.

The committee is constantly seeking "those who have manifested high moral principles in their personal lives."

The Gardners' nomination was submitted by 1949 alumnus Dr. Richard Wurzelbacher.

"Jim more closely exemplifies the characteristics attributed to St. Francis Xavier than any other person with whom I have the privilege of being acquainted," said Wurzelbacher. "He is truly a 'man for others.'"

Jim attended Xavier in the early 1950s before he left school to join the service. He married Joan in 1953.

Since then, Jim has served as president of the Cintas Corporation, a uniform company founded by Joan's father, Hershell Farmer, until 1985.

The couple established the first Girls Hope House in Cincinnati to provide a home and an education to at-risk children with academic potential. They are also strong supporters of the Mary Magdalene House, a homeless shelter in Over-the-Rhine.

The Gardners live in Ocean Reef, near Key Largo, Fla. There they have been involved in numerous community and church projects. Jim is the chairman of the Interfaith Chapel Committee at Ocean Reef.

The Gardners were awarded a medal to wear around their necks and cherry-framed, glass-etched plaques at Xavier's Communion Sunday.

Besides the St. Francis Xavier Medal, the Committee on Public Honors also awards the Honorary Degree, the Leadership Medallion, Paul L. O'Connor Award, Sister Mary Virginia Sullivan Award, Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

# Gallagher: Donor funds new university center

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ing the selection process difficult. Opus' "good track record" for the Cintas Center proved to be a deciding factor.

"Based on what they've done in the past, there's a comfort level with the University," said Sheeran. Working with Opus on the Cintas Center, Sheeran finds the firm "very competent, easy to work with and very sensitive to Xavier's needs."

Vice President for Financial Administration Dr. Richard Hirté said a principal factor was Opus' proven ability to control costs, "an important element" for Xavier.

The construction, which will take from 15 to 18 months to complete, will probably commence in the summer of 2000, finishing by November of 2001, Slepitzka estimated.

Over the next six months, the University will work with Opus and student leaders to finalize the design of the new center and decide what features to include. "We're going to do so much homework on this," said Gallagher.

"There will be very few people who will not be consulted before

*"There will be very few people who will not be consulted before the university center gets finally designed."*

— Charles Gallagher

the university center gets finally designed," he said.

Gallagher said that tearing down the old University Center is necessary even though it "still has some life left" because of the building's situation in the heart of campus. The new center will be "architecturally compatible" with the rest of campus.

As part of the selection process, Opus already has created a working model, but university officials declined to release any of the preliminary sketches because plans were not yet finalized.

Opus' model features a central atrium with a performing arts wing and a student leadership wing.

The new center will include a food service, theater, student

## Charlie Gallagher

When Charles Gallagher earned his B.S. in economics in 1960, campus was a different place. For one thing, there weren't any women, and the undergraduate men had an experience much like a fraternity.

The University Center wasn't even built until four years after he graduated. "I was the first to live in Brockman Hall. Brockman was the newest and greatest thing on campus at the time."

His time at Xavier made a lasting impression.

"The friends I made at Xavier

are still my closest friends today. I vacation with them, do business with them and am a godfather to their children.

"The Xavier experience for me was profound. It's been an integral part of my life. Not only do I have an obligation, I am desirous to give back," he said.

Gallagher now owns and operates a group of industrial companies under the parent company, Gallagher Enterprises LLC, with operations around the country and the world. He lives in Denver with his wife, Diane.

**Charlie Gallagher in the 1960 Musketeer Annual**

lounge, offices, retail outlets, computer labs and learning centers. The new student dining hall will be in the Cintas Center when it is completed.

When the XU2000 strategic plan

was released in 1994, it called for the renovation of the University Center at an estimated cost of \$8 million. More recent estimates had put the cost of building a new center at \$12 million. According to

Slepitzka, the project's price tag raised from \$12 to \$15 million when "soft" costs, such as desks and other furnishings, were included in the total.

Opus has built large, multi-purpose facilities for schools before. In 1990, they completed work on the 180,000 square foot student union at Marquette University.

The union, which cost more than \$14 million, took 17 months to complete and includes student common areas, a chapel, dining hall, several smaller eating establishments, offices and a ballroom.

"We like ours. Hope you like yours," said Bob Nenno from Marquette's office of communications.

Xavier's existing building, built in 1964, holds 85,000 square feet of space. Hirté estimates the new building will hold 75,000.

"This is the final element in the renaissance of the University. It's going to be the hub, the living room of the campus," said Gallagher.

"As a trustee and an alumnus, I'm primarily interested in being the catalyst to make this happen," he said.

# Prof fights cancer, returns to XU

AMY SCHELL

News Feature Writer

It all started in 1985 — the year Pete Rose broke the record for hits, Dr. David Weinberg remembers — when he noticed increasingly blurry vision and his doctor recommended retina surgery.

"I remember coming out blurry and disoriented," Weinberg said, but the surgery seemed successful and he thought that was the end of the problem.

However, in May 1992, Weinberg noticed he was having trouble reading the text of a speech he was giving. This blurry vision, accompanied by extreme headaches, worried him. His doctor said the cause could be one of three things: either it was the early stages of multiple sclerosis, a viral infection or a brain tumor.

An MRI showed a tumor had formed next to his brain, medically known as a craniopharyngioma. This is actually embryonic throat tissue that has been pushed up near the brain.

In Weinberg's case, the tumor was pressing on his optic nerve, causing vision problems. He had a second surgery, this time to remove the benign tumor, and everything seemed fine once again.

Fine, that is, until December of 1996, when a routine CAT scan showed the tumor had returned. In June of 1997, Weinberg went back to the operating room.

This operation didn't go as smoothly as planned, however. He began hemorrhaging in his brain and spent several weeks in a semi-comatose state.

This time he was given a sabbatical from teaching, one originally meant to last a semester, which soon stretched into a year. This semester is his first one back, and he is grateful to Xavier for accommodating his need for time off.

The bleeding eventually stopped, but long-term ramifications have made life and returning to the classroom more difficult. Weinberg has lost almost all central vision in his left eye and some

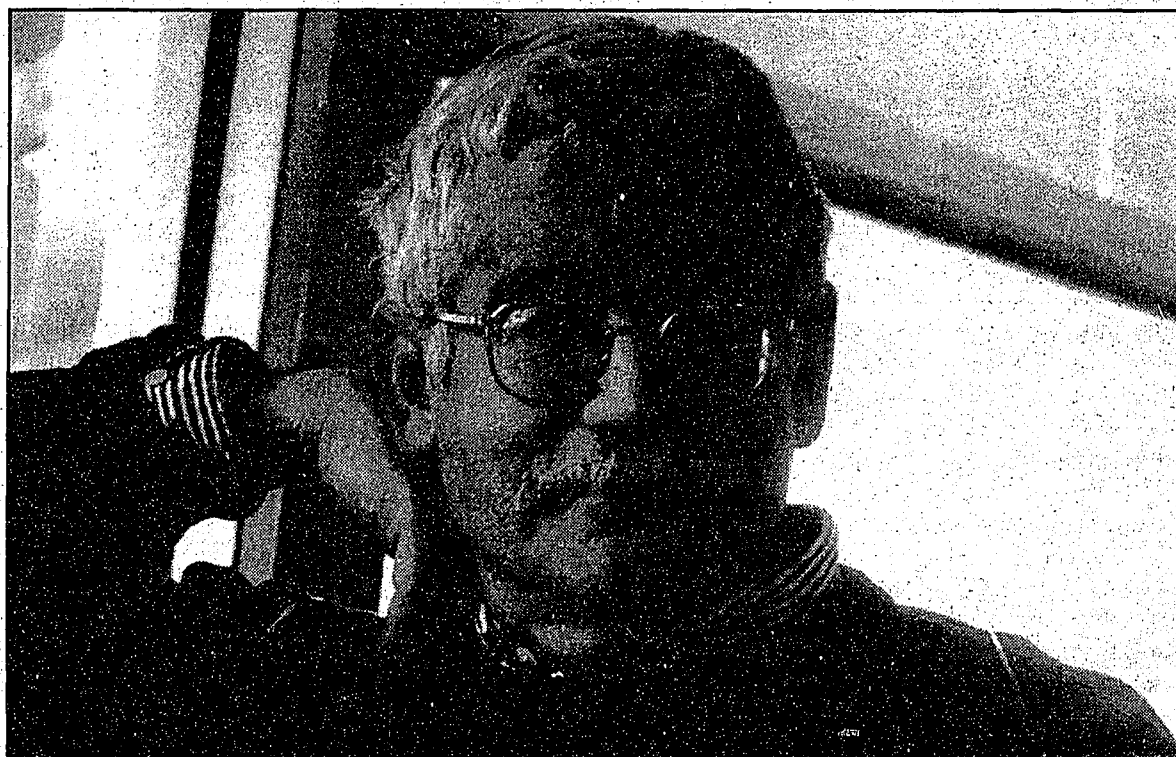


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Economics professor Dr. David Weinberg, pictured here in February of '97, had to take last year off when complications arose after surgery on a brain tumor. With the added challenge of no central vision in his left eye and lapses in short-term memory, Weinberg has returned to teach three classes this semester. He hopes to work up to a 12-hour course load by next fall.

of his short-term memory capacity.

"If my wife asks me to get two things for breakfast, by the time I get downstairs, I will probably forget one of them," he said.

"[The whole experience was] very scary, especially because I sensed I was doing better, but then things got turned around."

This year, though, Weinberg is back at Xavier with poorer vision and no driver's license, but alive and happy to be so.

Weinberg's colleagues are happy to have him back as well. Dr. Robert Zimmerman, chair of the economics department, said, "Dr. Weinberg has been one of our most successful teachers, attracting majors for years. While his tumor slowed him down, it certainly hasn't stopped him. He's doing remarkably well."

Weinberg is teaching three hours less than he has in the past. "Part of my goal is to move up to 12 hours in the fall," he said.

As well as teaching micro-

economics, macroeconomics and industrial organization, Weinberg also does some economics consulting.

For example, he studies the impact of conventions and large events such as the ATP and the Tall Stacks Festival on Cincinnati's economy.

Corporations may hire him to prove that their events bring in revenue for the city by attracting out-of-towners. These projects are usually non-profit.

When not working, Weinberg still likes to play tennis, although he admits his game has weakened since his illness. He swims regularly, and despite a little weight gain since his fight with the tumor began, he keeps a sense of humor about it.

"My other hobby appears to be eating," he said.

His humor shows through in the classroom as well. He uses examples from his own life to help students understand economic prin-

ciples and get a laugh in the process.

One story he commonly tells deals with his mistake of putting regular dishwashing liquid into a dishwasher. He laughs with students as he describes waking up to a house full of suds.

Although his sense of humor keeps students laughing, Weinberg fears he is not as effective in the classroom as he once was.

"I've always felt that I've been a good teacher, but now sometimes I feel that things that used to be quite lucid now tend toward the opaque," he said.

This is also the first year as a professor Weinberg has lost papers and assignments. But overall, he said he would give himself a "B" for the semester.

While school is a big part of Weinberg's life, his family is also very important to him. His wife LaWanda, who has her master's of fine arts in poetry, teaches part time at Raymond Walters College and

has taught at Xavier in the past.

Their two children, Tess, 11, and Jason, 10, attend a nearby Montessori school. Their Great Dane, poodle and three cats complete the family and ensure a full house.

Education and learning have always been important in Weinberg's family. His father was a physicist involved in the Manhattan Project. Weinberg was inspired to attend Carlton College in Minnesota and has been teaching for 28 years.

Prior to coming to Xavier in 1980, Weinberg's jobs included stints at Centre College in Kentucky, Emory College in Georgia, and Vassar in New York for five years.

Coming back to teach after his illness has been challenging. Most frustrating for him is his lack of a driver's license. He finds it much more difficult to get around. His home is near campus though, so he usually walks the mile to school, or his wife drives him.

Despite the challenges and uncertainty surrounding it, Weinberg believes the tumor has helped him grow and develop a greater empathy toward those with similar problems, like Craig "Ironhead" Hayward, the football player. When he first saw the news that Hayward had a similar tumor, he felt an immediate connection.

Even though the fight against cancer and his return to teaching have been difficult, Weinberg is very thankful the tumor was benign and he has retained good vision in his right eye.

His hopes for the future revolve around his family's happiness and his pursuit of a driver's license. He is investigating the possibility of taking driving lessons to regain his license.

As far as Xavier is concerned, Weinberg's main goal is getting his teaching up to what he would consider par.

"I'd like to get back to being as good as I was before all this happened," he said.

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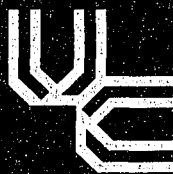
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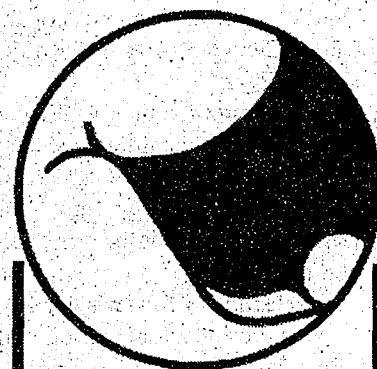
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## WORLD BRIEFS

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### Illegal campaigning no longer an issue

WASHINGTON — Again resisting an outside probe of Democratic fund-raising practices, Attorney General Janet Reno told a federal court Monday there are no grounds for an independent counsel to investigate the roles of President Clinton or Vice President Al Gore in the 1996 election campaign.

Reno's decision concluded a 90-day preliminary investigation of whether Clinton or Gore violated federal campaign law by using unregulated contributions to the Democratic Party to buy television ads that backed their re-election bid. Such funding ordinarily would be subject to the strict contribution limits.

The ruling removes the last major threat that Democratic fund-raising practices could add to Clinton's impeachment troubles or could pose legal problems for Gore in his anticipated campaign for the White House in 2000.

For Gore, it was the second time in recent weeks that Reno has decided against seeking an outside prosecutor for actions tied to campaign financing activities. On Nov. 24, the attorney general declined to ask for an independent counsel to determine whether Gore had lied to federal investigators who were probing his understanding of the

nature of campaign contributions he solicited by phone.

"I find by clear and convincing evidence a lack of knowing and willful criminal intent required for criminal prosecution," the attorney general said in court papers filed Monday.

### Death of UK student sparks investigations

LEXINGTON, Ky., (CPX) — A bar owner whose tavern is popular with students at the University of Kentucky faces criminal charges and the loss of his beer license stemming from the death of a student who was struck and killed by a train after leaving the premises.

More charges are possible for Jim Haney, Jr., whose actions police also are investigating in connection with the Nov. 15 car crash that killed a Kentucky football player and an Eastern Kentucky student and injured Kentucky center Jason Watts.

On Thursday, Lexington prosecutors summoned Haney to appear in court on Dec. 17 on five misdemeanor charges of serving after hours and three of serving to minors.

All of the charges stem from the death of 19-year-old Chad Clore, who was last seen in Haney's home — attached to the bar — before he was killed Nov. 6 by a train on nearby tracks. Police say Clore was drunk at the time of the accident.

## Clinton faces party-line vote

BY DAVID JACKSON

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — In the beginning, Henry Hyde said a party-line vote would be a weak way to impeach President Clinton. Now it looks like the only way.

When Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, opens debate this week on articles of impeachment against Clinton, Republicans will essentially be the prosecutors and Democrats the defense lawyers.

Members of both parties expect the committee — 21 Republicans and 16 Democrats — to cast party-line votes on three articles: perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power.

Those articles would then go to the House floor, perhaps as early as next week. Another largely partisan vote is expected, although up to 20 Republican moderates could prevent Clinton from becoming impeached.

"My sense is it's about a 50-50 proposition right now," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, speaking on "Fox News Sunday."

On CBS' "Face The Nation," Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., who is pushing for censure of Clinton over the Monica Lewinsky matter, said 15 to 20 Republicans would support that lesser punishment, but the Republican leaders say they won't permit a vote on it.

"I still believe there are enough Republican votes against impeachment that would, to me, prevent the



President Clinton

president from being impeached," King said after the program.

Several Democrats said the charges do not justify impeachment by the House, much less conviction and removal by the Senate.

They argued that "right wing" Republicans are more interested in getting Clinton, using what they call a biased set of charges provided by independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

"The only thing that has unified the Democrats is the fact that it has been an unfair process," Judiciary Committee member Robert Scott, D-Va., said after an appearance on "Face The Nation."

Republicans portrayed the Democrats as obstructionists more interested in attacking Starr than in dealing with the accusations.

Some GOP members believe the Democrats want to delay the matter until the next Congress, when there will be five more Democrats.

Hyde — who told CNN in Octo-

ber that a party-line vote "would be a very weak way to send this issue over to the Senate" — said recently he regrets the partisanship, but it has been unavoidable.

"From the very beginning of the impeachment inquiry, those who would defend the president at all costs have preferred to attack the process rather than address the facts," he said.

Aides said only the perjury charge has a chance of passing the full House. That action still would be enough to trigger a trial of Clinton next year in the Senate.

White House allies plan to stress the partisan nature of the proceedings in arguing against impeachment, saying it would continue to damage the Republicans politically.

"If that message gets out there, that enhances the ability to peel away some of the moderates," said a Washington lawyer who has assisted the White House in congressional lobbying.

This week's Judiciary Committee debate will focus on the report that Starr submitted to Congress in September. The independent counsel accused Clinton of acting illegally to conceal an affair with Lewinsky during the Paula Corbin Jones sexual misconduct lawsuit.

The committee will hear a defense presentation from White House attorneys. They have said Clinton misled lawyers about his relationship with Lewinsky, but he did not commit perjury or otherwise obstruct justice.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

## The holiday spirit

In the spirit of Christmas, *The Newswire* staff spent some time in deep reflection upon the past semester. We noticed a trend in the Xavier community to criticize. Since the new year looms and the peace of the season fills our hearts, *The Newswire* grants absolution to all those perniciously chastised by their fellow

Musketeers and expresses its hopes for the new year.

For our friends in student government, we absolve you of your inattention to the Constitution. We at *The Newswire* understand that when you don't

have to write a paper about a text, you rarely read it.

For our comrades in Campus Police, we grant you amnesty for your appropriation of student IDs for area police. We know you are very busy maintaining a decorous level of sobriety on and off campus.

For our farsighted campus planners, in the spirit of reconciliation, we humbly accept the loss of the Cohen intramural fields for the greater good of the Cintas Center.

For all those insightful students who wrote letters to the editor, we applaud you. To those of you who wrote vehemently about underage drinking,

our tentative New Year's resolution is that Calendar City 1999 will be void of alcohol references and full of inspirational quotes. For those of you more concerned with the startling increase in elevator defecation, we hope to install Port-O-Potties in the elevators before the year's end.

For our obsessed journalism colleagues, we earnestly pray Election 2000 will yield a presidency blessedly free of the words intern, cigar, affair and impeachment.

For those erudite professors who assigned so many research papers,

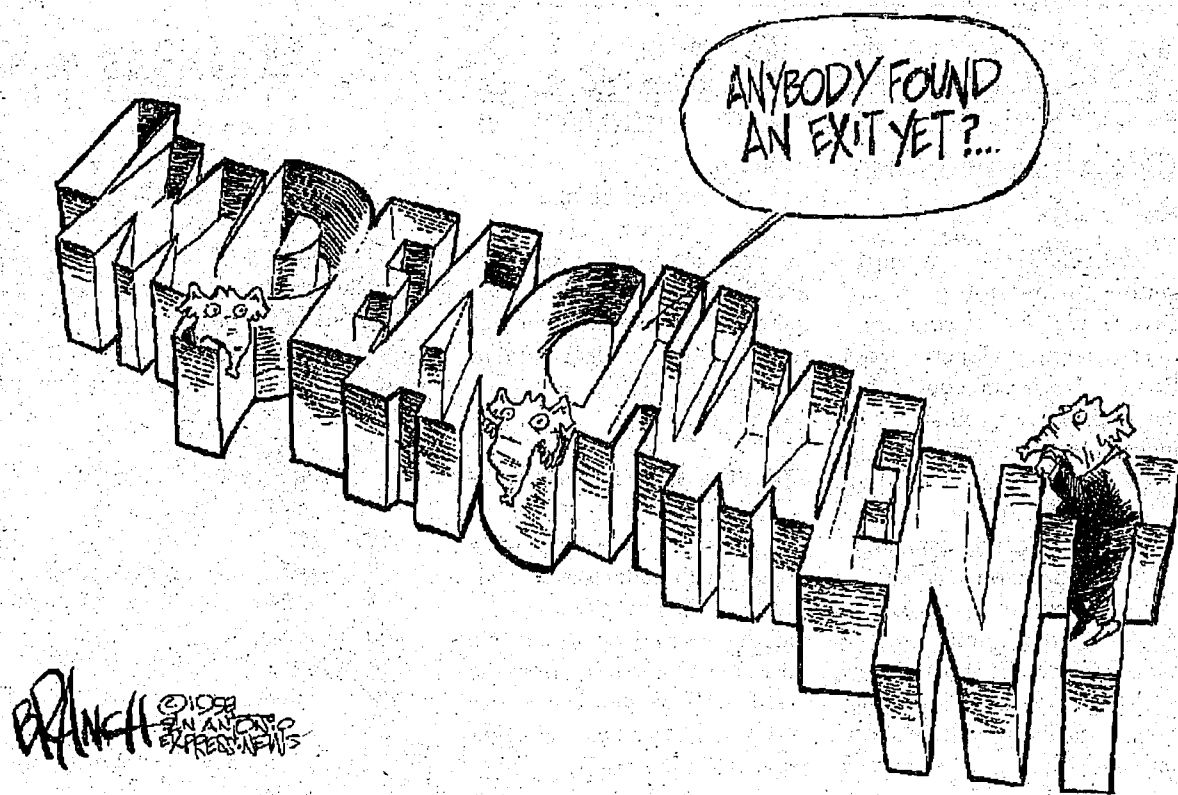
presentations and projects due in the waning weeks of the semester, we apologize in advance for their mediocre content. If these bursts of intense stress result in a host of midlife afflictions, we pledge not to sue in light of the tremendous gains these efforts have merited us.

We hope the holidays promote a spirit of forgiveness and harmony for you and yours. And when they're over, we look forward to returning to the scathing criticism of the weekly staff editorial.

Merry Christmas!

—M.W.M. and K.A.B.  
for *The Newswire* staff

For all those  
insightful  
students who  
wrote letters to  
the editor, we  
applaud you.



- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

## December grads need more space

August and December graduates will be honored at a reception on Sunday, Dec. 13, in the University Theatre.

As a December grad, I am thankful that Xavier sponsors a ceremony.

However, I would gladly exchange the food and ice sculptures in the Cafe reception for a larger venue for the ceremony.

Due to limited space in the theatre (capacity of 395), each graduate is permitted only two guests. The completion of the Cintas Center will alleviate this problem in the

future, but the campus already has facilities that would be sufficient.

The Fieldhouse (capacity of 2,900) is an obvious solution. When President Clinton visited (before Monica and impeachment proceedings), chairs were set up on the gym floor, a stage was constructed, and a backdrop covered the exercise equipment. Surely all these materials were not thrown away. Moving the reception to the Fieldhouse would not cause undue expense for the university.

I have been told to just wait until May and celebrate at the Crown

when there is no limitation on the number of guests. However, I am proud of graduating early and my connection with Xavier will change dramatically over the next five months. I want to share this moment with my sister, grandparents, friends and family now.

If Xavier chooses to hold a December graduation ceremony, they should use the facilities available to allow families to enjoy this special moment.

—Bridget Hoerst  
Senior

## Condemnation has consequences

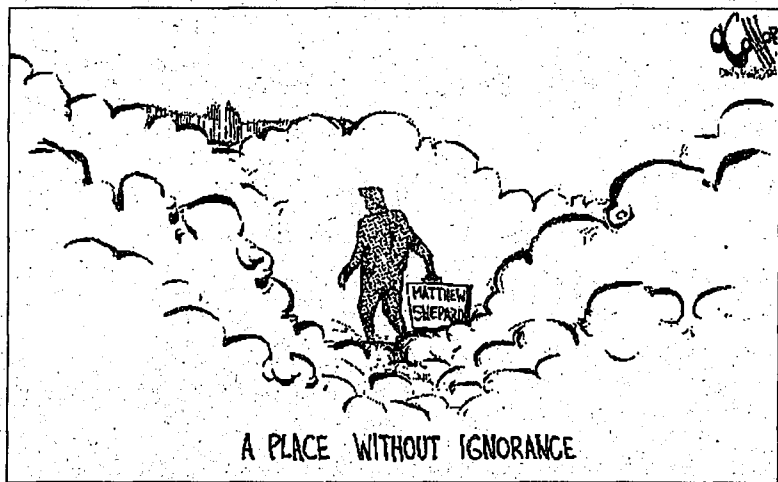
Very much support two recent articles in *The Newswire*. The first, by Jesuit John LaRocca, is on why "anything which violates the dignity of gays and lesbians should be eliminated" from Xavier's campus. I can only say "Amen!" The second, by Mark McDonald, was a sensible and clear statement as to what a non-discrimination policy for Xavier should be. I pray his position will prevail and not the less descriptive and more evasive policy Chad Engelland has suggested.

I was, however, appalled, for many reasons, by Lorne Mook's response to Fr. LaRocca. Mook is simply wrong as well as out of step with Roman Catholic teaching regarding discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The American Bishops have clearly stated that homosexuality is not chosen and their human dignity as well as their civil rights should be affirmed. They hold this view regardless of their unacceptable position that homosexuals must not act out their given sexuality.

But even if they do act, the Bishops counseled they should be loved and not condemned and rejected. "God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is a homosexual," they concluded.

Mook is also wrong to infer discrimination against African Americans is not comparable to that of homosexuals. For example, homosexuals, unlike African Americans, can be fired or denied housing (and be discriminated against in many



other ways) simply because of who they are. This was legally possible for African Americans in the past but, thankfully, no longer.

Further, Xavier must realize it exists in a city whose charter, unlike any other city charter in the United States, denies to homosexuals any protected status. Among our citizenry, they alone are singled out.

Xavier ought to find that repulsive and make it clear, as they have with age, gender, race, ethnicity and disability, that discrimination against sexual orientation is equally wrong.

Let me also add out of considerable experience with homosexual persons, that those who affirm and act out their sexuality can be as saintly in their behavior as any heterosexuals. Mook doesn't want to think that calling homosexual behavior sinful adds to the abuse of them. But it does.

Homosexuals are clearly the

most hated group in our country. Condemning them as sinners may comfort Mook's concern to be a defender against moral relativism, but it encourages teen homosexuals to commit suicide at nearly three times the rate of heterosexual youth. His remarks are a direct assault on the God-given being of all gays and lesbians.

Finally, Mook does what he condemns — he misuses the Bible. He condemns those who pick and choose which texts to believe even though Jesus, himself, did. He suggests the better position is to take the whole Bible seriously.

It would be tragic if we had to justify everything in the scriptures without considering their worthiness in the light of the greater scriptural word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

—Harold G. Porter,  
Pastor Emeritus, Mount Auburn  
Presbyterian Church

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## - MALL TALK -

## HOW do you plan to study for final exams?



"I spend a lot of time in the library and cram."

—Matt Lightfoot  
Freshman



"I already had all my exams, so I don't have to study."

—Alex Amblar  
Junior



"A case of Beast and a football game."

—Joe Harkins  
Junior



"I put my book under my pillow."

—Jeff Storey  
Junior



"Wait until the last minute and drink lots and lots of Cherry Coke. That's the key to a good grade."

—Kat Yankowski  
Freshman



"Study for ten minutes, then watch an hour of TV and complain how I'm going to fail all my classes."

—Deborah Kludy  
Sophomore



"I copy off Deborah."

—Beth Downes  
Sophomore



"Sleep on my books and hope it seeps in by osmosis."

—Mollie Kerscher  
Junior

## - LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

## Anti-Catholic, not anti-Christian

BY JOHN LARocca

Professor, Dept. of History

I found Lorne Mook's letter to the editor disturbing for many reasons. First, he ignored the Roman Catholic theological and moral underpinnings of my argument.

Secondly, he misunderstood the argument I was making for the dignity of the human person.

Thirdly, he accused me of using a "tired and debunked comparison" in arguing for civil rights for gays and lesbians. That argument for civil rights is based on the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church distinguishes between being a homosexual person, which is not sinful, and all sexual activity outside of marriage, which is sinful.

Being gay is, therefore, a state of being. The Church also recognizes that no one knows the origin of sexual orientation, yet it still insists on the inviolable dignity of the homosexual person.

In addition to these theological reasons for civil rights, the Dec. 22 issue of *The Advocate* reported that retired Archbishop Desmond Tutu spoke at Regis University (another Jesuit and Roman Catholic institution), where he argued against the persecution of gays and lesbians. As the story reads, "the Nobel laureate likened sexual orientation to race and antigay discrimination to the apartheid politics he devoted his life to dismantling."

Fourthly, Mook deals with stereotypes. He seems fascinated with gay/lesbian sexual activity and not with the dignity of the human person. Gay and Lesbian history month is, for him, an attempt to gain approval of sexual activity. He seems to be incapable of distinguishing between being gay and sexual activity.

To say that Gay and Lesbian history month is only about sex is as logical and as fair as saying that Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day (celebrations of history, ethnicity and culture) are really a celebration of Italian/Irish sexual activity or that the residence halls at Xavier were built to promote promiscuity.

Fifthly, in his third point Mook states: "This is a Jesuit university, which means it is a Christian university of some kind." I was sur-

prised by that statement since both the literature which the university produces and my letter identify Xavier as Catholic and Jesuit.

Sixthly, he objects to the Christian bashing which took place after the "terrible Matthew Shepard incident." Is that all the torture and death of a college student is — a terrible incident? In my letter, I did refer to "allegedly good Christians." I was referring to the congregation from Kansas City which felt obligated to turn Matthew Shepard's funeral into a circus. I cannot see how carrying protest signs across the street from a Christian funeral helped "to comfort the sorrowful" or how it was an act in harmony with the spirit of the Gospels.

The crux of Mook's objections seems to lie in his second point: the Bible is the center of all morality. That is a position assumed by fundamentalists and the religious right. Those whom I have served in the past 23 years since my ordination know the respect and awe I have for the Scriptures as the Word of God.

Yet even using simple Biblical norms like the two great commandments as a basis for morality brings certain problems. What does "Thou shalt not kill" mean on the battlefield or in terms of self defense? What does "Thou shalt not bear false witness" mean to a spy in a foreign country or to someone who has confidential information which is being demanded of him or her?

The Scriptures seem to indicate that God approved of genocide (Ex. 17:14,16; Dt. 25:17,19; 1 Sam 15:1 ff). Women are treated as possessions and are not the equals of men (Genesis 1 and Ephesians 5:22 are only two examples); in the Decalogue they are listed with a man's possessions: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's ox nor his ass, nor his male servant nor his female servant, nor his wife." Scripture also approves of stoning adulterers, who by definition are women. It also approves of slavery (Ephesians 6:5 and the entire Letter to Philemon). The very words of Jesus, as we can establish them in Mark's Gospel, forbid divorce for any reason.

Do all of the moral norms which we find in the Bible have the same

moral force?

Which must we obey and which do we disregard? What are the hermeneutical principles that we use, or are we to stone adulterers (female only) to death? Are we to say that slavery is a Christian value and approved by the immutable and omnipotent word of God as contained in Scripture?

Perhaps my greatest problem with Mook's letter in a university context is that he takes the conservative, fundamentalist position of the Christian right.

Rather than discussing the different moral and theological starting points which separate my position from his and which lead us to different conclusions, he seizes the moral high ground, appeals to a higher authority, and declares that anyone who disagrees with him is anti-Christian.

The appeal to a higher power and demonization of one's opponents really have no place in the rational discourse which should characterize university life.

In *A Man For All Seasons*, when Thomas Cromwell tells Thomas More how the world interprets his silence, More says: "The world must construe according to its wits. This Court must construe according to the law." I am a Roman Catholic who is a member of the Society of Jesus and a Roman Catholic priest. If I approach a moral problem, I do so from the tradition of Roman Catholic moral theology, from the tradition of Roman Catholic Scripture scholarship, and basing myself on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Cardinal Ratzinger's letter *On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, and the U.S. bishops' letter *Always Our Children*.

For me to do other than that would be unfaithful to the Church. I was born into that Church and I have decided to live my life in it serving God's people.

Mook criticizes my conclusions without really examining the ground on which I stand. Does he disagree with the teachings of the Roman Church? Is he saying that is teaching is wrong? Or is the reason he ignored it and refused to engage it Protestant fundamentalism which can lead to anti-Catholicism?

## - LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

## An 'indefensible' view

BY LOU MATZ

Asst. Professor, Dept. of Philosophy

This is in response to Lorne Mook's Dec. 2 editorial. While it is true Xavier has a Jesuit and Catholic mission, Mook apparently needs to be reminded Xavier is a university, too.

To assume that moral questions can be discussed at Xavier only within the confines of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament independently of the free exchange of reason and argument would be to destroy it as a university.

The immorality of homosexuality cannot be decided merely by appealing to the authority of sacred religious text.

First of all, this begs the question — i.e., assumes what must be proved — since no independent arguments are adduced in scripture to justify the claim.

Secondly, the literal appeal to the Bible to settle moral questions is rife with difficulties. One problem is that while it is true that homosexuality is judged as an abomination in *Leviticus*, the same 'Holiness Code' also prohibits tattoos, wearing clothes that are made from a blend of textiles, sowing fields with mixed seed, and eating pigs, rabbits, and some forms of seafood. Without inconsistency or arbitrariness, these actions must be equally condemned as immoral. But this is preposterous.

Interestingly, the Christian gospels are entirely silent about the issue of homosexuality. It is true that St. Paul condemns homosexuality, but he also appears to recommend accommodation to slavery and the subordination of women to men. Should these moral views be accepted, too?

Actually the justification of the Catholic Church's position on homosexuality does not come from scripture but from St. Thomas Aquinas' 13th century appeal to some form of a natural law argument, which was entirely unknown

to the gospel writers and St. Paul.

However, the claim that non-procreative sexual activity is contrary to some alleged purpose of nature can be supported neither by philosophical argument nor by modern biology.

I believe sexuality is in itself neither moral nor immoral. It depends on the consequences of the conduct.

If immoral actions are ones that harm the interests of others, how can homosexuality be judged as immoral?

*I believe sexuality is in itself neither moral nor immoral. It depends on the consequences of the conduct.*

*If immoral actions are ones that harm the interests of others, how can homosexuality be judged as immoral?*

What is it in the character of same-sex relations that is immoral, or what is the morally relevant criterion that distinguishes heterosexual conduct from homosexual conduct?

I do not see one, which is why, contrary to Mook's contention, there is one basic similarity between the discrimination against African-Americans and homosexuals — this discrimination has no rational basis.

Neither the pigment of one's skin nor one's sexual preference is morally relevant for being treated equally and with respect.

Mook concludes with two problematic claims. He assumes the rejection of a higher authority — which is presumably God or sacred texts since he does not specify — implies the 'adherence to the assumptions of moral relativism.' This is philosophically untrue since there are many non-theological ethical theories that do not deny absolute moral principles.

Mook's final conclusion that Father LaRocca's letter supports anti-Christian bigotry is amusing. This is like saying that one who condemns rape is a bigot towards rapists or that one who condemns racism is an anti-racist bigot. One is not a bigot, however, if one rationally opposes an indefensible view. Indeed, intolerance toward prejudice about homosexuality is to be praised.



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Champions crowned  
Intramural sports end fall season

The fall intramural season concluded recently with some of the best action in recent memory. Even though constraints and sacrifices had to be made as a result of the Cintas Center construction, the excitement was still felt.

In an attempt to offset the lack of outdoor facility space, two new intramural sports were added this fall. Both intramural bowling and indoor soccer enjoyed successful seasons. The bowling league was held at Stones Lanes on Montgomery Road and had 16 co-rec teams participate. The indoor soccer league ran for five weeks on Sunday evenings in the Sports Center with six teams competing.

Here is a list of all the 1998 fall intramural champions:

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WOMEN: The 49ers

## BOWLING

Tubby's

## BASKETBALL

MEN: Great White Hope

WOMEN: Thomas' Team

CO-REC: Pink House

If you didn't win this season you will have another chance in February when the spring season begins. Basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, racquetball, softball and bowling will be offered in the spring. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports office in the Sports Center or call Shawn at 745-2856.

-Matt Madges



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## GAME of the WEEK

Women's Basketball vs. Butler

7 p.m. tonight at Schmidt Fieldhouse

One of Xavier's basketball teams is in the middle of a five-game winning streak. If you cannot guess that it is the women's team, then obviously you do not follow Xavier sports and are not reading this right now. For those of you reading this right now, the first 100 students at the game tonight will get free Xavier Basketball T-shirts. At halftime, there will be some sort of fun promotion, during which Donatos pizza will be given away. How can you not go?

## XU off to best start ever

Wins over UNCC and UWM bring Xavier to 5-1

BY MATT BARBER

Sports Editor

Sophomore guard Nicol Levandusky has scored 20 or more points in both of the last two games leading the Musketeers to two wins and their best start ever since Xavier moved up to NCAA Division I play in the 1982-83 season.

She leads the women's basketball team in scoring, averaging 17.7 points per game.

"My shooting percentage is so high because I've been taking good shots, wide open shots," said Levandusky. "I have more confidence in my shot this year because I worked on it all summer."

The Musketeers as a team have shown more confidence and poise this year, especially over the past weekend, during which they salvaged two wins with some, at times, less-than-inspired play.

The game this past Friday night at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte (1-6) saw Xavier (5-1) trying to stop the 49ers' slashing and driving offense with a two-three zone defensive set up. It was not working for XU, whose inability to stop UNCC's offense led to Xavier's six-point deficit at halftime, 38-32.

"We weren't doing a good job on defense so I stressed defense to the team at halftime," said head coach Melanie Balcomb. "We also switched to a man-to-man defense for the second half and played them tough."

XU scored eight of the half's first twelve points and outscored the 49ers 51-31 in the second half to beat them, 83-69. The defensive changes in the second half were the difference, as was Levandusky's outside shooting.

Levandusky led all scorers with her career-high 28 points, which included five three-pointers and a 7-8 night at the free-throw line. Sophomore center Taru Tuukkanen and Junior forward Kim Hotz had double-doubles and a third scored in double figures in the game.

Tuukkanen saw more playing time than usual in the second half when starting center, sophomore Jen Phillips, ran into foul trouble. Tuukkanen made the most of her 21 minutes off of the bench, scoring 18 points and pulling down 12 rebounds, six of them on the offensive side of the floor.

Hotz put in 14 points and grabbed 11 boards, and freshman guard Katie Griggs scored 10 points, six of them at the free-throw line.



NEWSWIRE FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Nicole Levandusky (40) is averaging 17.7 points per game, which leads the Musketeers and is fifth in the Atlantic 10.

Against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1-3) on Sunday, the Musketeers came out very strong, grabbing a large lead and forcing UWM to call a time-out less than two minutes into the game. By halftime, Xavier led 35-29.

UWM did not give up as the second half started and came battling back. They tied the game with less than five minutes remaining and took a four-point lead with about two minutes to go.

Xavier finally broke out of its lethargic play and Phillips regained the lead for good when she was fouled making a lay-up in the final minute. She iced the 64-63 win for the Musketeers by sinking the foul shot, giving her the last of her career-high 26 points in the game.

"They wore us down. They don't quit and they came hard," said Balcomb of UWM's intensity. "It got to the point where we were playing not to lose instead of playing to win."

Key to the Musketeers' effort were senior forwards Jonelle Riley

and Susanna Stromberg.

Riley has been getting more and more playing time because of her solid play on defense. Three of her eight rebounds came in the final minute of the game and were very important for XU to hold on to the win.

Stromberg stepped up off the bench and helped Xavier establish a physical presence inside.

Phillips led all scorers, and she was followed by Levandusky, who scored 20 points despite being in foul trouble in the second half. Riley's eight rebounds led the Musketeers in that department.

Xavier faces a very tough Butler team tonight at Schmidt Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. The Bulldogs are a big, strong team that XU will try to beat with quickness.

On Saturday, Xavier will travel to Oxford, Ohio, to battle the Miami-RedHawks.

Xavier will also be facing Princeton, Dayton, Bowling Green, Duquesne, St. Bonaventure, and Dayton again before the second semester begins.

## WEEKLY RECAP

XAVIER 83, UNCC 69  
Dec. 4

HIGH POINTS (28):

Nicole Levandusky

HIGH REBOUNDS (12):

Taru Tuukkanen

KEY STAT: Xavier outscored the 49ers 51-31 in the second half

XAVIER 64, UWM 63  
Dec. 6

HIGH POINTS (26):

Jen Phillips

HIGH REBOUNDS (8):

Jonelle Riley

KEY STAT: Xavier amassed 28 turnovers to UWM's 20.

NEXT GAME: TONIGHT VS. BUTLER

7 p.m. in Schmidt Fieldhouse

RECORDS: Xavier (5-1) vs. Butler (5-2)

## Swimmers trumped by Aces

BY BILL HUGHES

Sports Writer

The men's and women's swim teams floundered a bit last Saturday in matches against Evansville.

The men struggled in the meet, losing to the Purple Aces 134-64.

Junior Scott Cain lead the team with a first place finish in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:02.65.

Freshman Scott Webster, junior Paul Wilcheck, senior T.J. Dunker and sophomore Don Rielag timed in at 1:43.47 for a first place finish

in the 200-yard medley relay.

The women also fell short and were defeated 131-62.

Junior Jan Feichtner continued her successful season with a first place finish in the 200-yard butterfly and a time of 2:13.32.

Freshman Kelly Wilson also continued her winning ways with a time of 2:35.55 for a victory in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The team of sophomore Jennifer Kensill, junior Marcella Broache, senior Sarah Wayne and sophomore Rachel Reilly timed in

at 1:47.63 for a first place finish in the 200-yard free relay.

Both of the swim teams will travel to Bonita Springs, Fla., for a training trip from Dec. 28 through Jan. 9.

The teams will compete against the University of Maine on Jan. 5 in the midst of the training session.

On Jan. 9, the men will take on Georgia Tech in a dual meet while the women compete against Georgia Southern.

Both meets will be held at Emory University in Atlanta.

# Frey makes most of starts

*Freshman has career performances against Miami and Purdue*

**MATT MADGES**

*Assistant Sports Editor*

Freshman Kevin Frey's week began with a call home to his mother and ended with a flirtation with Xavier history.

On Monday, Nov. 30, the day after XU's return from its horrific performance in the Puerto Rico Shootout, head coach Skip Prosser told Frey that he would be starting against Miami.

"I was real excited," said Frey. "I called my mother right when I got home."

The reason for the change was two-sided. For one, Prosser had told Frey that if he got more rebounds he would get more playing time. Against San Francisco, Frey pulled down seven rebounds.

The other reason was the coaching staff's belief that they needed more inside scoring. Frey had shown in practice that he could score and proved it against San Francisco by scoring 12 points.

## THE FIRST START

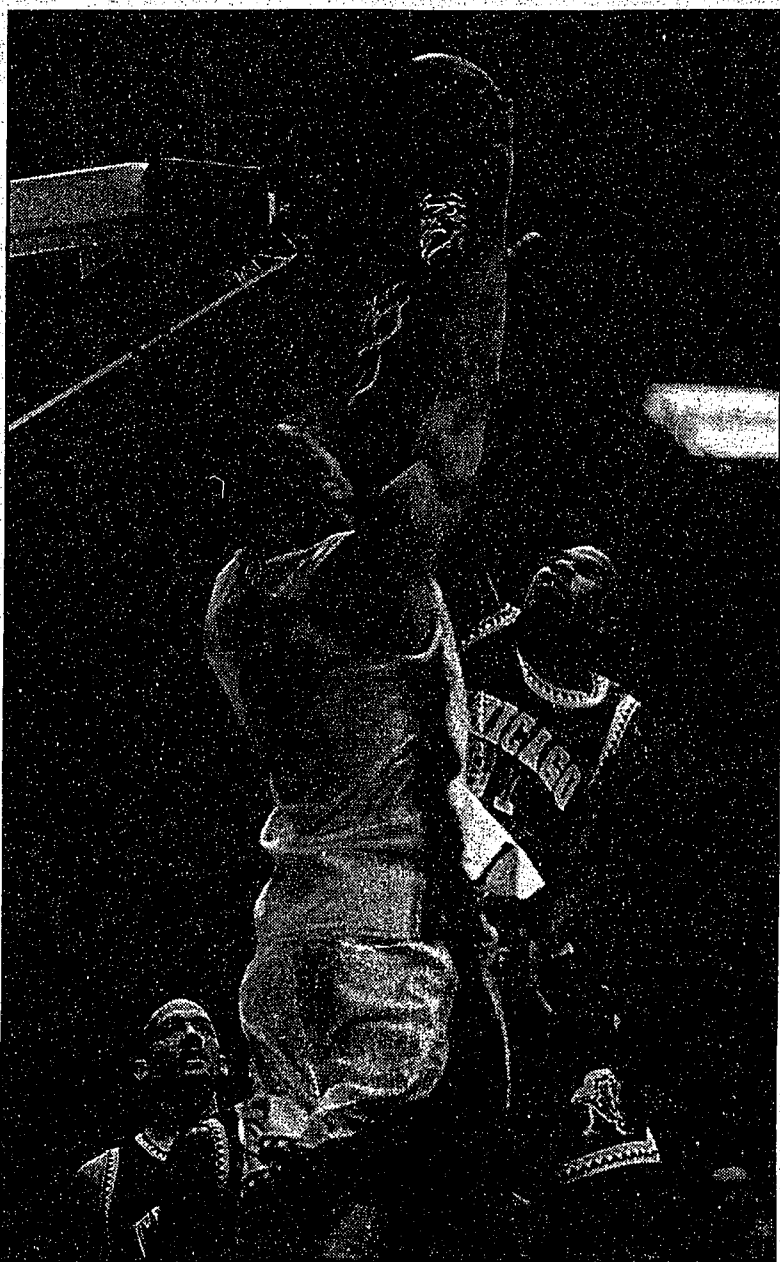
Frey's excited state after he found out he was going to start did not end with the phone call to his mother. His enthusiasm and new energy brought much needed emotion to the Musketeers as they prepared to face Miami.

Frey's energy level was almost too high entering the game as he struggled to get comfortable with the pace of the game. At halftime, Frey had grabbed five rebounds and scored two points, but the desire remained.

"I just want to go out there and do what I have to do to help the team win," said Frey.

With the team down by seven to start the second half, Frey knew he had to step up.

He did just that as he helped lead the team to a comeback that ended in a 64-56 victory over the RedHawks.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BILL TERRY

Freshman Kevin Frey grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds in his first collegiate start last Wednesday against Miami.

Frey grabbed nine rebounds in the second half for a game-high total of 14 rebounds. Frey also scored six points in the last twenty minutes to finish the game with eight points.

"I didn't want to let coach down because I knew he was putting a lot of trust in me," said Frey. "I just wanted to go out and prove to the

guys and coach that I could do the job."

With the way Frey hustled and played much bigger than his 6'8" frame against Miami, he did much more than the job; he was the difference in the game.

"Kevin did a great job," said senior James Posey. "He played like he was 7'3" and he hustled and

banged with everybody. He fought for every rebound and he let everything hang out."

Brian Grant ('94) grabbed a Xavier freshman record 16 rebounds in a win over Butler in 1991. 1990 graduate Tyrone Hill's best freshman rebound total was 14 in a double overtime win over Oral Roberts in 1987. This is great company for Frey to find himself in as both Grant and Hill continue to have successful careers in the NBA.

## THE ENCORE PERFORMANCE

Frey followed up his career-high rebounding effort against the RedHawks with a career offensive performance in XU's 71-57 loss to Purdue last Saturday.

In 33 minutes, Frey recorded 13 points on six of nine shooting and added five rebounds. Frey's 13 points was one more than his previous career-high of 12, which came against San Francisco.

"They really weren't respecting me offensively," said Frey. "So I thought that I could step up and help the team that way."

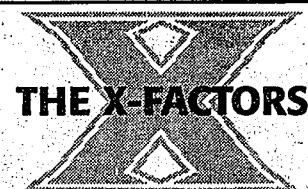
What was even more impressive with Frey's performance was the importance of the shots that he hit.

With 16:27 to go in the game, Frey made two consecutive jumpers to erase Purdue's six-point half-time lead and tie the game at 39.

Over twelve minutes later, the Boilermakers had regained their six-point advantage until Frey struck again. With 4:02 to go in the game, Frey hit his first career three-pointer to pull the Musketeers within three, but that was as close as XU would get.

"I am not the coach," said Posey, "but I think he will start for many games to come."

It appears that Prosser agrees. "(Frey's play) was a positive," he said. "He shot the ball with confidence. He has the chance to be a real good player for us."



## BROWN MOVING UP

At the 14:53 mark of Saturday's game against Purdue, senior Lenny Brown made a three-pointer to give the Muskies a 28-25 lead. With the basket, Brown also moved into 11th place on Xavier's all-time scoring list with 1,333 points. Brown passed Joe Viviano (1,332 points) who played for XU from 1956-59.

## SECOND HALF SURGE

Xavier takes a while to get going, but watch out once they do. So far this season, the Musketeers have outscored their opponents by 52 points (340-288) in the second half. The team holds a four point (263-259) first half advantage over their opponents through eight games this season.

## GRAY UNIFORMS

Xavier wore its special gray uniforms in both games last week. The uniforms were first worn against Cincinnati last season and have only been worn five times. The Muskies are 3-2 in the uniforms, with victories coming against UC, St. Joseph's and Miami while suffering losses to Massachusetts and Purdue.

## AVOIDING REPEATS

Xavier has not lost two games in a row since the 1995-96 season. It was then that XU lost back-to-back games to a pair of "Top 25" teams, George Washington and Virginia Tech. With Saturday's loss to Purdue, the Muskies must beat Toledo tonight to keep the streak alive.

## GARDEN SUCCESS

Xavier has enjoyed plenty of success since the team made the Cincinnati Gardens its home in the 1983-84 season. Xavier has an impressive 189-24 (88.7 percent) record at the Gardens since the 1983-84 season, including a 3-0 start this season.

## CROWN FAILURE

XU does not share the same success in games held in the building now known as The Crown. The Muskies are 9-19 in games played in the facility, including a 0-1 record this season.



## - SPORTS COLUMN -

# Come on, give the Muskies a chance

**MATT MADGES**

*Assistant Sports Editor*

If the NCAA tournament started today, the men's basketball team would most likely find itself with nowhere to go.

The Musketeers have struggled so far this season with many aspects of their play, but isn't that to be expected?

"I think this team is one that is going to take time to become really good," said head coach Skip Prosser. "Everyone wants us to be the Bulls today."

"You don't lose a four-year starter, a draft pick and a three-year starter, who was your leading scorer, and, all of a sudden, after four or five weeks of practice, become the original Celtics. That's not going to happen," he said.

Hey Muskie fans — listen to coach — take a deep breath and relax. The NCAA tournament does not begin today so what is everyone all worried about?

### WEEKLY RECAP

<p><b>XAVIER 64, MIAMI 56</b> Dec. 2</p> <p><b>HIGH POINTS (13):</b> Gary Lumpkin, Lloyd Price and James Posey</p> <p><b>HIGH REBOUNDS (14):</b> Kevin Frey</p> <p><b>KEY STAT:</b> Xavier held the Redhawks to 26 second half points.</p>	<p><b>PURDUE 71, XAVIER 57</b> Dec. 5</p> <p><b>HIGH POINTS (16):</b> Lenny Brown</p> <p><b>HIGH REBOUNDS (5):</b> Kevin Frey and James Posey</p> <p><b>KEY STAT:</b> Seniors commit 21 of Musketeers' 26 turnovers.</p>
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**NEXT GAME: TONIGHT AT TOLEDO**  
7 p.m. in Savage Hall  
**RECORDS:** Xavier (5-3) vs. Toledo (6-0)

Last season, the team finished 23rd in the final Associated Press Poll. From that team, Prosser lost four-year starter T.J. Johnson, Torraye Braggs to the NBA and last season's leading scorer, Darnell Williams, to injury.

In addition to the losses from last year, the team has also sustained setbacks this season.

Junior center Obi Harris, who was projected to be the starting

center, played in his first game on Saturday against Purdue after recuperating from a broken finger.

Also lost was freshman Aaron Turner, who is partially eligible, meaning he can't participate in games. Turner, a 6'7" post player, would have competed for a starting spot in XU's frontcourt.

Even with all of these losses, the Musketeers have only dropped five spots from last year's final ranking

as the team is now 28th in the AP Poll.

"You can remember a while ago that if we were in the 'Top 25,' it was a big deal," said Prosser. "Now it's a big deal if we are out of the 'Top 25.'"

Don't get the wrong message, however; the Muskies and Prosser are not making excuses for this season's play.

Lumpkin, Brown and Posey want to end their four years here with something special. Back in the preseason, the senior trio set the season's goal as making it to the Final Four, with anything less resulting in disappointment.

If the NCAA tournament and Final Four started today, the trio would probably be greatly disappointed, but it is only December. The Muskies have over two months to turn around their play and XU's true fans have all the faith in Prosser and the team that they will do so.

All that can be said is, "Bring it on!"



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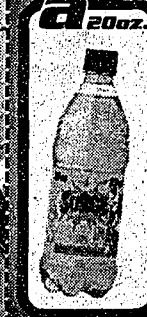
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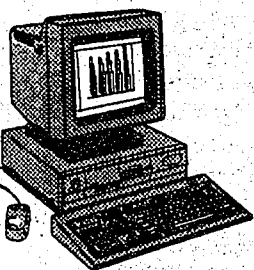
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The exhibit will feature work in the color red. Nineteen local artists will present their work. The opening is free to all and snacks will be provided. For more information, call Fabienne Christenson at 321-2967.

## Bah, humbug

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park is presenting the world's most popular holiday fable, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," from Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 27 at the Playhouse.

All shows are at 2 p.m. for matinees and 7 p.m. for evening shows. Early reservations are recommended. For more information, call Peter Robinson at 345-2242. There will be no performances on Christmas Eve or Christmas.

"A Christmas Carol" is sponsored by The Gibson Foundation.

## The Charts

This week's Top 10 from the Billboard "Hot 100" Singles:

- 1) "I'm Your Angel" R. Kelly & Celine Dion
- 2) "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here" Deborah Cox
- 3) "Lately" Divine
- 4) "Doo Wop (That Thing)" Lauryn Hill
- 5) "From This Moment On" Shania Twain
- 6) "Because of You" 98 Degrees
- 7) "Love Like This" Faith Evans
- 8) "Lullaby" Shawn Mullins
- 9) "Baby One More Time" Britney Spears
- 10) "Have You Ever?" Brandy Evans

This week's Top 10 from the Billboard 200:

- 1) Garth Brooks, *Double Live*
- 2) Metallica, *Garage Inc.*
- 3) Celine Dion, *These Are Special Times*
- 4) Jewel, *Spirit*
- 5) Tupac, *Greatest Hits*
- 6) 'N Sync, *'N Sync*
- 7) Mariah Carey, *#1's*
- 8) Jay-Z, Vol. 2 ... *Hard Knock Life*
- 9) Backstreet Boys, *Backstreet Boys*
- 10) 'N Sync, *Home For Christmas*

## Live Wires

Friday, Dec. 11  
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w/ One Minute Silence  
and Sevendust  
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w/ Jon Spencer Blues  
Explosion  
@ Bogart's  
and  
Blue Moon Boys  
@ The Swing Lounge

Thursday, Dec. 18  
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## — FILM COMMENTARY —

## Top movie sequels we're likely to see next year:

1. "Species III" — This time, the aliens invade ugly people.
2. "Pleasantville II" — Marilyn Manson comes to Pleasantville.
3. "Babe III: Pig in the Skillet"
4. "Star Wars: the re-release of the re-release" — Lucas changes "Darth Vader" to the more PC "tall, morally-impaired man in dangerously Freudian apparel."
5. "Dr. Doolittle II" — a documentary about the daily life of Xavier Education professors
6. "Rounders II" — Matt Damon enters the high-stakes world of Bingo.
7. "I Know ... III" — Jennifer Love Hewitt is stalked by a breast reduction surgeon.
8. "Casablanca 2000" — starring Leonardo DiCaprio
9. "X-Files II" — Mulder and Scully investigate the vast global conspiracy of high cereal prices.
10. "Deep Impact II" — Oops, it's already out and called "Armageddon."
11. "American History XU" — a critical look at people who wear khaki pants.

— Josh Brubaker, Guest Writer

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TODD PARKHURST

Diversions Writer

Hey, Newswire reader! If you're smart, you'll buy these albums because they are the 10 best discs that 1998 had to offer (even though you didn't hear them on the radio).

10. **Bikini Kill** — *The Singles* (Kill Rock Stars): This is the last rites of the legendary rebel grrrl band before their disbanding.

*The Singles* is comprised of three previously released 7-inch discs from the last few years, but the album flows very smoothly.

Granted, it is only 17 minutes long, but the nine tracks featured, including "Demirep," "I Hate Danger" and the classic "Rebel Girl," are solid punk rock anthems and simply brilliant.

9. **Fugazi** — *End Hits* (Dischord): *End Hits* is the newest release from Ian McKaye and the boys and pushes Fugazi way past 1995's *Red Medicine*.

Always changing, Fugazi constantly redefines their sound and takes it to another level.

Featuring "Place Position," "Five Corporations" and "Caustic Acoustic," these guys always seem to rock and inspire at the same time.

8. **Sunny Day Real Estate** — *How It Feels To Be Something On* (Sub Pop): Simply put, the recently reformed Sunny Day has released the only rock album of the year that will make you cry.

A great gift for any girl or guy alike, *How It Feels* makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside after every listen.

The album in its entirety is a masterpiece, but be sure to check out "Pillars," "100 Million" and the closer, "Days We Were Golden," if you want to be swept off your feet.

7. **Liz Phair** — *Whitechocolatespaceegg* (Matador): Four years in the making, the newest release from one of the most significant and incredible female musicians ever was well worth the wait.

With deeply personal lyrics delving into all aspects of life, especially relationships and motherhood, Liz provokes a lot of thought and a few ironic laughs here and there.

Listening to such tracks as "Big Tall Man," "Love is Nothing" and

"Girls' Room," we can only expect many more great things to come from Liz in the future.

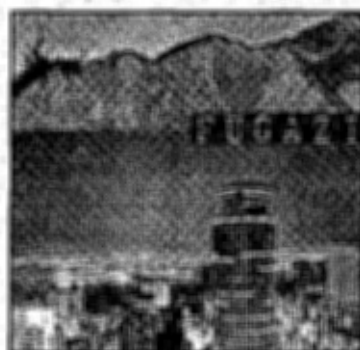
## Bikini Kill



THE SINGLES

Sonic Youth (or even successful imitators), and they prove this fact on their newest full length album.

With lengthy, feedback-driven pieces of art, each song has its own character and feel and motivates you to go out and start your own band.



Trash Heroes (Alias): The aptly titled *White Trash Heroes* is supposedly the final album from South Carolina indie kings, AOL. If you are familiar with AOL's work, don't expect this to sound like anything you've heard from them before.

*White Trash Heroes* takes the Archers in a completely different direction with less rock and more composition.

Featuring "Fashion Bleeds," "Perfect Time" and "Smokers in Love," this is a brilliant piece of work from a very under-appreciated rock band.

4. **Shellac** — *Terraform* (Touch & Go): *Terraform* is the second full length album from legendary producer and Big Black founder, Steve Albini, and his

newest project, Shellac. Although it is a short release, it leaves you wanting more and is incredibly hard (in an indie rock sort of way).

Along the same lines as

Shellac's first album, *At Action Park*, *Terraform* is the one to pick up if you want to impress your friends and piss off your neighbors, especially with tracks such as "Disgrace," "Canada" and "Copper."

3. **Come** — *Gently Down The Stream* (Matador): Bluesy indie queen Thalia Zedek and her ever-changing rock ensemble, Come, have just released their fourth album, *Gently Down The Stream*, and it is by far the best one yet.

Although Thalia is a friend of the Indigo Girls, don't expect any fun, light-hearted folk here.

With long blues jams and melancholy lyrics, Come redefines the rock world and will change your life with tracks like "One Piece," "Saints Around My Neck" and "New Coat."

2. **Uzeda** — *Different Section Wires* (Touch & Go): Although it is never quite clear whether the words are in English or Italian, Touch & Go's foreign imports, Uzeda, will knock you down with their massive force of driving guitars.

Relying on repetition, Uzeda will make you want to jump around for hours after you put down *Different Section Wires* (if you can put it down).

With Giovanna Cacciola's powerful voice, Uzeda's rhythms will never let you go, especially on songs such as "Stomp," "Steel Man" and "Ten Stars."

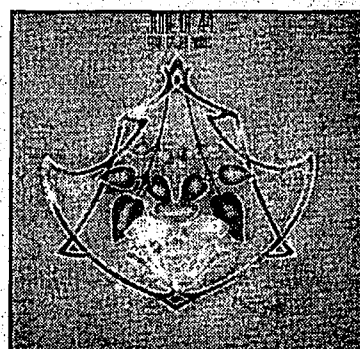
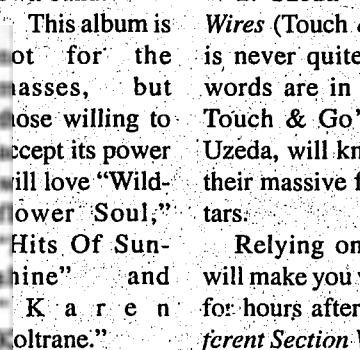
1. **June of '44** — *Four Great Points* (Quarterstick): Louisville's artsy indie band reigns as king by releasing the best album of the year, *Four Great Points*.

Formed by Jeff Mueller, formerly of Rodan, June of '44 carries on where Rodan left off by continually reshaping the Louisville art rock sound and breaking out onto a national level.

*Four Great Points* is on the brink of being one of those albums other bands will cite in their list of influences 10 years from now.

With every track carrying on its own personality and deep inner meaning, June of '44 may some day change the sound of rock music altogether.

If you want to be inspired and changed forever, put *Four Great Points* on your Christmas list and put tracks like "The Dexterity of Luck," "Lifted Bells" and the incredible closer, "Air #17," on repeat.



## - DIVERSIONS FEATURES -

## Not Christian? Not a problem

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE STARS LIGHT THE MENORAH

BY JONATHAN MOSKO

Asst. Divisions Editor

As we all know, the holidays are approaching with the speed of a taxi driven by an egg nog-inebriated cab driver, and with this special holiday issue of *The Newswire*, you're sure to be treated to a grab bag of yuletide goodness. However, there are some people who may feel alienated by this display of Christmas pride.

To remedy this situation and foster a happier, more politically correct holiday season, we present to you a special Hanukkah spotlight for all those Xavier students who spin a dreidle instead of decorating a tree.

So gather 'round, all you merry Jewish Musketeers, and tip back a mug of egg nog, because I have replaced the 12 days of Christmas with the eight days of Hanukkah.

On the first day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... a song from a guy named Eddie.

You may not have known it, but



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Television's bad boy Jerry Springer is looking oh-so-right in his movie 'Ringmaster'.

Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder is one of many Jewish musical celebrities.

On the second day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... two "City Slickers."

I hope they had Kosher meals on that cattle drive, or Jewish actors Billy Crystal and David Stern would have been out of luck.

On the third day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... three lords of low brow.

TV's Jerry Springer, radio's Howard Stern and the raunchy comedian Andrew "Dice" Clay are all Jewish.

On the fourth day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... four lads of laughter.

Included in the ranks of Jewish comedians are Jerry Seinfeld, Pauly Shore, Bob Saget and Adam Sandler.

On the fifth day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... five hip-hop hooligans.

The Beastie Boys' Mike Diamond, Adam Yauch and Adam Horowitz, along with Jewish gangsta' rappers Ice Berg and Dr. Dreidle join Vedder in the world of Jewish musicians.

On the sixth day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... six Star Trek flicks.

From "Star Trek I" to "Star Trek VI," Jewish space travelers William



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIRE RECORDS

Ice Berg and Dr. Dreidle head up the Jewish hard-core rap front.

Shatner and Leonard Nimoy have manned the Enterprise as Captain James T. Kirk and Mr. Spock.

On the seventh day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... seven box office boomers.

Seven of Jewish director Steven Spielberg's credits, including "E.T.," "Jaws" and "Jurassic Park," are among the highest grossing films in movie history.

On the eighth day of Hanukkah, my best friend gave to me ... eight shiny award statues.

Jewish singer Barbra Streisand has won a lot more than eight awards in her time, but if you take the number of Grammys she's won minus the number of Oscars she's won, you get eight. Coincidence? Probably.

I hope this little song has brightened the holiday season of all our Jewish readers. So Happy Hanukkah to you all and Mazeltov!

All information appears courtesy of "Jewhoo.com," the internet's most thorough Jewish search engine.

## - DIVERSIONS FEATURE -

## Body movin', holiday groovin'

EVERY CHRISTMAS PARTY NEEDS A SOUNDTRACK

BY LAUREN MOSKO

Divisions Editor

As the semester winds down and your "To Do" list gets shorter, you or one of your roommates is bound to suggest that your house/suite throw a Christmas bash.

If you do agree to hosting this year's holiday soiree, it is your responsibility to provide tunes which are sure to keep the party going. Since 1998 was a great year for music, here are some of my album suggestions from this year's new release vault:

If a debauchorous party is what you seek, I suggest the Beastie Boys' *Hello Nasty*, the Toasters' *Don't Let the Bastards Grind You Down*, Face to Face's *Live*, Less Than Jake's *Hello Rockview* and Everlast's *Whitey Ford Sings the Blues*.

If loose-lipped lyrics, steady rhythms, attitude and a lot of bass are prerequisites for your stereo playlist, then I suggest Brandy's *Never Say Never*, Monica's *The Boy is Mine* (give both the ladies equal air time and watch the couples during the slow songs), Lauryn Hill's *The*



*Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, Jay Z's Vol. 2 ... *Hard Knock Life*, Outkast's *Aquemini*, Flipmode Squad's *The Imperial Album* and Cypress Hill's IV.

If you're in to the swing sound, don't you dare consider partying without Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's self-titled album.

If you're trying to please everyone on the guest list, you usually can't go wrong with Dave Matthews Band's *Before These Crowded Streets*.

If your friends punked you out because they didn't want to deal with the after-party mess, there's no need to cry into your eggnog. Spend the evening with a bottle of wine, some paints or a good book, and then pop in Sheryl Crow's *The Globe Sessions*. If you're not a Crow fan, try Jewel's *Spirit* or Tori Amos' *From the Choirgirl Hotel*.

Don't want to stay home alone? Grab Ani DiFranco's *Little Plastic Castles* and hit the road.

No matter what you listen to or who you're with, let those tests and papers go for one night and enjoy the holiday season.

## - IN YOUR EAR -



### Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan (Mammoth Records)

I was never one of those people who put up Christmas decorations the day after Thanksgiving, and my parents never took me to see Santa at the mall until at least a few weeks into December.

Keeping this in mind, I was hesitant to listen to the Squirrel Nut Zippers' *Christmas Caravan*, and I wondered how many tinny versions of "Jingle Bells" I would be privileged enough to hear, since every grocery store, boutique and hardware store overplays that infernal tune from Halloween until New Year's. Fortunately, the answer was none.

Instead, I was treated to a nos-

talgie grab bag of some classic Christmas hits (mercifully free of "Jingle Bells"), Zippers-style, along with a few original holiday songs by the SNZ.

Things started off well, with a cover of Tony Bennett's "I Love the Winter Weather," sung very capably by vocalist Katharine Whalen. The tempo slowed down a bit with "My Evergreen," but jumped right back up with a spirited instrumental version of "Sleigh Ride."

Definitely one of the most fun tracks on the CD is number seven, "Carolina Christmas," which proves that some of the best Christmases aren't white at all. "Wrap up your teddy bear / hang your stockings up with care / It's a Carolina Christmas / We're chillin' in our underwear. / Well old St. Nick's got a bag of tricks and he's coming round after 'while / this must be his favorite haunt / cause we always do it up in style."

The only request I would have made would be for a few faster Christmas tunes, or at least just a few more songs. At only 34 minutes, *Christmas Caravan* pulls up a little short.

Also, some of the slower songs, like "My Evergreen" and "A Johnny Ace Christmas" dampen the

festive mood a bit. Still, with their irresistible rhythms and catchy horn riffs, the Squirrel Nut Zippers provide a lively alternative to your worn-out Christmas albums and ensure that this will be one swinging holiday season ... at least at my house.

— Jonathan Mosko,  
Asst. Divisions Editor



### 'N Sync Home for Christmas (RCA)

New Kids on the Block have a new holiday album out ... oh, wait. Sorry. 'N Sync, an unfortunate NKOTB clone, has released a Christmas album, "Home for Christmas," or, more aptly titled, "Sensual Christmas."

The hormone-driven pop music alludes throughout to sexual experiences, somehow heightened because of the holiday season. The truth is, take out the forced holiday references in most of their songs and you have their typically unoriginal pop music for any time of the year.

We should, however, be thankful that we will only be subject to this degradation for one month of the year. I seriously doubt this is one of those timeless classics.

Sadly, these five beautiful men (who just happen to know each other) attempt a few, well, three, traditional holiday songs. "The First Noel" begins rather nicely, but I really don't get a feeling for the sacred with the drum loop that begins halfway through the song. "The Christmas Song" leaves me screaming for Nat King Cole.

"O Holy Night" offers no drum loop because the guys attempt to perform it a cappella. Their harmonies are pleasant if you discount the whiny lead vocals, but this is one group of carolers parents will be happy to let their kids throw snowballs at.

Fans (?) of this group looking for their notorious dance music will not be disappointed. "Merry Christ-

mas, Happy Holidays" should have all the 10-year-old girls dancing as they trim the tree. Also, there is "In Love on Christmas," with its R&B styling and unnerving beginning of "jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way."

'N Sync is kind enough to prolong this seasonal torture by ending the disc with "Kiss Me at Midnight," another holiday dance tune fraught with romance and images of all the pleasures of a new year. Hopefully, 1999 will not include any more songs like this collection.

The greatest assault on Christmas and every child's dreams of magic and presents is the nauseating "Under My Tree." In this track, the guys sing "as two become one / under my tree." This lovely vision of a sexual encounter ends with the climactic (no pun intended) line, "I wish that Santa could be here to see." This certainly replaces the traditional milk and cookies Santa is used to finding.

Christmas is a time of joy and love. I realize everyone has their own way of celebrating, but I highly doubt the music contained here is how Christ intended to commemorate his birthday.

— Adam Ziemkiewicz,  
Divisions Writer



# 'Jack Frost' leaves viewers out in the cold

BY ADAM ZIEMKIEWICZ

Diversions Writer

The traditional Christmas carol, "Frosty the Snowman" serves as a foundation for this improbable romp of a movie. The song tells of all the fun a live snowman and children have together. Warner Brothers carries this traditional idea to an extreme in "Jack Frost."

The premise for the story appears simple enough. Jack Frost's (Michael Keaton) dream of becoming a musician takes him away from his family. His son, Charlie (Joseph Cross), misses his dad and lays an annoying guilt trip on him when his father plans on missing Christmas to audition for a record contract.

As cinematic fate would have it, Jack realizes his mistake and decides to return home to spend Christmas with his family. His car careens into a blackout (typifying the family-oriented nature of this film, the inferred death), leaving his son and his family to grieve.

As luck would have it, before

Jack left he gave Charlie a "magic harmonica." He promises Charlie, "Anytime you play this, I will always hear you."

Charlie builds a snowman, using his father's hat and scarf, then plays the harmonica as he falls asleep. It's not hard to predict what happens next.

The movie is rather disappointing from this point on. The transformation graphics lack any particular flare. Sadly, Jim Henson Productions places its name on the "live action frost effects." I was hoping for a little more from the usually impressive design company. Jack Frost's snowman facial features are convincing, but his body and movement lacks graphic clarity.

Kelly Preston, who plays Keaton's wife, and Cross fail to achieve a genuine quality in their emotions.

At one point, Preston realizes that the snowman is her husband and offers one of the flattest lines of dialogue when she states with-

out a hint of emotion in her voice: "I'm sorry I didn't believe you." I'm sorry, Kelly, but I don't believe you.

Granted, the idea for the film remains completely contrived, so many of the events after his transformation are understandably absurd. But, some shred of human reality could have been maintained.

Jack immediately helps his son in a snowball fight with the local bully. The bully then achieves the quickest metamorphosis from enemy to friend of any character in film history. He wants to fight Charlie one second and then helps him get Jack on a truck to carry him up the mountain so he doesn't melt because "a snow dad is better than no dad" — a touching lesson for all the children in the audience.

The supporting cast turns in brilliant comedic performances. Mark Addy, of "The Full Monty" fame, carries his scenes, including a humorous exchange with a police officer. Henry Rollins, Charlie's hockey coach, is the first character



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Charlie Frost (Joseph Cross, left) and his dad, Jack Frost (Michael Keaton), build a snowman together ... coincidence? We think not.

to hear Jack talk as a snowman. They use this subtle gag well throughout the film.

However, "Jack Frost" merely crowds the holiday film season.

The movie will one day make a pleasurable addition to a cable station's Christmas program guide.

Rating: ★

## - ENTERTAINMENT COMMENTARY -

### Blockbusters and blunders of '98

BY NATHAN DUKE

Diversions Writer

Around this time every year, people begin to contemplate whether they have been naughty or nice throughout the year. Santa Clause may possibly leave a lump of coal in your stocking this year if you watched and liked any of these movies, which are the worst films of 1998:

10. "The Big Hit." Mark Wahlberg makes the bad career move of the year for following his critically acclaimed role in "Boogie Nights" with this witless action movie.

9. "Hard Rain." Disaster movies hit rock-bottom with this horrid excuse for an action thriller.

8. "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer." After this ridiculous sequel, I'm sure Jennifer Love Hewitt "can't hardly wait" to get some better roles.

7. "Wild Things." Only a cameo by Bill Murray saved this lame sex farce from being a complete disaster.

6. "Deep Rising." This film deserves to be put on the same level as "The Relic," and that's not a good thing.



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Warren Beatty gets his grub on in "Bulworth."

5. "Species II." I was expecting this to be a whole lot better. (Yes, I am joking.)

4. "Urban Legend." This movie was almost exactly like "Scream," with the exception of a good plot, humor, good acting and a clever script.

3. "Hush." A jealous mother attempts to kill her son's pregnant wife when they come to visit her in this awful thriller. The idea could have been ripped off a Jerry Springer episode.

2. "Caught Up." Bokeem Woodbine is pursued by a mysterious man in this lame thriller.

1. "Phantoms." My mother always told me if I couldn't say anything nice ...

If you have been nice this year, however, and did not enjoy the films above, save Santa the trip and reward yourself by watching one of these movies, which are this year's best:

10. "One True Thing." Renee Zellweger and Meryl Streep give Oscar-worthy performances in this film about a daughter who returns home to care for her sick mother.

9. "American History X." Edward Norton gives an excellent performance as a reformed skinhead who is released from prison, only to find his younger brother (Edward Furlong) is following in his footsteps.

8. "Your Friends and Neighbors." Neil LaBute's fierce comedy/drama about relationships will have you gasping as much as it will have you laughing.

7. "Beloved." Toni Morrison's novel is brilliantly brought to the screen, Jonathan Demme style.

6. "Happiness." Todd Solondz's



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Roberto Benigni (middle) in a touching scene from 'Life is Beautiful.'

scathing comedy about dysfunctional people is both hilarious and disturbing.

5. "Bulworth." Warren Beatty's brilliant comedy concerns a senator who puts a contract out on his own life, trying to commit political suicide, but instead becomes a popular figure.

4. "Pleasantville." Tobey Maguire and Reese Witherspoon are two siblings who find themselves transported into a '50s sitcom, bringing changes and new experiences to the dull existences of the residents.

3. "Saving Private Ryan." Steven Spielberg's horrifying and powerful war drama will most likely take home the award for best picture of this year.

2. "Life is Beautiful." Italian comedian Roberto Benigni's film about a father and son's will to survive in a concentration camp is nothing short of magnificent.

1. "The Truman Show." Peter Weir's attack on corporations and the media is, in my opinion, the best movie of the year. Jim Carrey gives the performance of a lifetime.

## - ENTERTAINMENT COMMENTARY -

### From the Beastie Boys to The Backstreet Boys: the ups and downs of '98

BY BARTOSZ LABEDA

Diversions Writer

Looking back at 1998, one can't begin to describe the many musical events that have made this year like none other.

There was the downsizing of the Spice Girls and the dormancy of Hanson. I was finally able to relax and watch MTV without the worry of seeing another annoying video from either of group.

Unfortunately, out of nowhere, as if to drive us further into madness, the music world met The Backstreet Boys and 'NSync.

Yes, the days of little girls screaming like banshees over a group of 20-year-olds are back (like New Kids on the Block wasn't enough). So my MTV was flooded again by crappy videos and songs about missing girls and lost loves. I enjoy those about as much as I love to have my teeth pulled.

We also witnessed Puff Daddy's destruction of another classic tune; his latest victim was Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir," used in the movie "Godzilla."

Speaking of movies, last summer's films provided us with soundtrack songs which dominated the airwaves.

Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" from the movie "Armageddon," and Goo Goo Dolls' "Iris" from the "City of Angels" soundtrack found a way to be played every five minutes.

Yet, 1998 was not a tragic year in music, either. The

Beastie Boys made a triumphant return with *Hello Nasty*, once again proving their star power. Seven Mary Three returned with *Orange Avenue* and the Goo Goo Dolls produced *Dizzy Up the Girl*.

The Barenaked Ladies released *Stunt* and finally achieved their much-deserved recognition in the United States. Dave Matthews Band continued to make great music (including their latest disc *Before These Crowded Streets*), increasing their fanbase with each song.

Swing was in. Bands like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Brian Setzer Orchestra helped make record sales with hits like "Zoot Suit Riot" and "Jump Jive an' a' Wait."

But these are just a few of the hits and misses of '98. To conclude this little trip down memory lane, I have decided to give out my personal awards to a few very deserving individuals:

**Most Overplayed Song** — It's a tie between "Iris" and "Don't Want to Miss a Thing."

**Worst Movie** — "Godzilla."

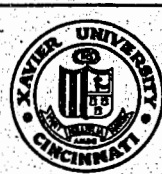
**Biggest Waste of TV time** — All I have to say is Bill Clinton.

**Most Annoying Musician/Groups** — It's a three-way tie between Natalie Imbruglia, The Backstreet Boys and 'NSync.

**Person Who Should Stay Out of the Music Scene for a Year** — It's a tie between Puff Daddy and Natalie Imbruglia.



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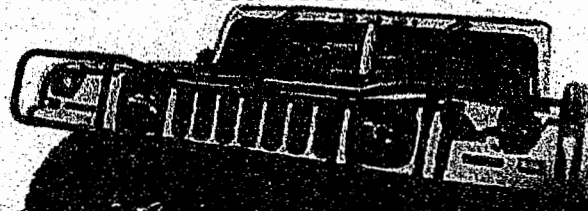
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**WEDNESDAY**

December 9

**Kwanzaa**

It's the last **International Coffee Hour** of the semester. It's a graduation celebration, so graduates should make an extra big effort to go to the **Terrace Room at 3:30 p.m.** If you are graduating you should know where that room is by now.

**Women's basketball** is playing Butler at 7 p.m. in **Schmidt Fieldhouse**. This is a perfect opportunity for all the goons to meet up with their friends that go to Butler. Don't be turned off by that; everyone else is going to support women's basketball because they are cool.

If you need a **study break**, watch television. And if you feel you aren't being productive watching television, watch the science channel. Or, you can do little experiments. Find ways to alter your creativity. Don't forget to finish your work.

"**Alice in Wonderland**" is being performed at the **Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati** in Over-the-Rhine. It's not as good as the book, but nothing is as good as reading a classic that was written under the influence of some serious drugs. And people complain that they are reading about alcohol. It could be worse.

**Son Volt** is playing at **Bogart's** at 8 p.m. To the average student who is trying to get their work done, this means nothing.

Is it really necessary to be doing anything today? Shouldn't everyone have to be at home or at the library working on something that has to do with school? If so, why is this being read?

Eight days and counting.

**THURSDAY**

December 10

Some people have nothing left to do with school after today. Those are some **lucky people**, especially if they are graduating.

**CALENDAR CITY**

►By **Katie Conkey** ►To place an item in the calendar, call 745-3122 or mail to ML 2129.

"**Evita**," the Broadway musical, is playing at the **Aronoff**. Sorry, Madonna was unable to star in this performance. But all the words are the same, so you can still sing along.

This is pretty much a **night of nothing**, which makes it a perfect night (since it is the first day of the weekend) to go out, relax and celebrate a **birthday** or something. Of course, an appearance at Dana Gardens would only be suitable for people over 21.

**Marvel Bornamen** is a local musician playing at **Barrel House**. Attending this would be supporting local music and local bars. This would be helping the local economy. See, going to bars is not a bad thing.

Little things to **think about** as the end of the semester comes near: Do you have a place to live next week, next semester or next year? Also, are you happy with your **meal plan**? If you are not happy, you should do something about it immediately.

Seven days and counting.

**FRIDAY**

December 11

Today is the **last day** of Fall semester **classes**. If you wanted to drop, it is too late now. Sorry about your luck. For the rest, congratulations, you made it. Now it is time to do a little pre-exam celebration. You know what that means.

The **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra** is playing at the **Music Hall** at 11 a.m. This is only if you do not have any last classes to go to.

**Julie Broxterman**, **Terry Brueneman** and **Thomas Doepker** are having their opening reception for their senior art exhibit at the **Cohen Art Gallery** at 6 p.m.

There is a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the **University Theatre**. The **University Singers** are the performers. The guy in the picture in the ad (no name mentioned) wants to show us, the audience, where music takes them. This isn't literally where it takes them. Either way, it's free.

They are taking the annual trip to see the **Christmas lights** at the **Zoo**. So, if you haven't gone yet, here is your chance to get free transportation. Don't forget to see the animals, and to say "Hi" to them. And don't worry about having to dress like an eskimo — it won't be that cold.

The **Bobs** are playing at **20th Century Oakley**. They have a 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. performance. Do you think that all the members are named Bob or that it is a last name? Or, they all wanted to be called Bob? It is like the movies: You can only see one performance or you can see both. This is an investigation event instead of entertainment, though it is entertaining.

While doing whatever tonight, **think of the fun** you had this semester. What were you doing half those times?

Six days and still counting.

**SATURDAY**

December 12

The **library** is open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. for those who are starting to cram for exams. You are not a dork if you go.

For the runners out there, begin spreading your Christmas cheer by participating in the **Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis**. It begins at 10 a.m. at the **Northern Kentucky Convention Center**. And the non-runners can spread their cheer by streaking the campus at night and singing "Jingle Bells." If you get caught, you are responsible for your own actions.

**Women's basketball** is playing at **Miami of Ohio** at 2 p.m. If the guys can beat them, then surely our women can, too. But it would be unfair if they didn't have any fans, so that is why everyone should be there. If you need an incentive other than the goodness of your heart, there are good bars up there that you can go to after the game.

The Broadway production of "**Footloose**" is at the **Aronoff**. Sorry, Kevin Bacon won't be in this performance. It won't be the same, but nothing ever is these days.

Five days to go.

**SUNDAY**

December 13

The **library** is open today from **noon-1 a.m.** (for those Monday morning exams).

**December graduates** have a **reception** at 2 p.m. in the **University Center Theatre**. Congratulations!

For those who have the time, **Disney on Ice's "The Little Mermaid"** is at the **Crown**. Today's performance is at 4:30 p.m.

The student **Christmas Mass** is at 10 p.m. Dress up in your Christmas clothes and get into the spirit with the rest of your friends. If you don't know where it is (**Bellarmine**), you have issues.

Four days and counting.

**MONDAY**

December 14

**Hanukkah**

Good morning boys and girls: Guess what time of the year it is? You guessed it. It is **exam time**. Please clear your desk and take your last chance at raising or lowering your grade. **Good luck.**

Just because it is exam time and you're stressed because you decided to wait till the last minute to study does not mean you can forget about **Christmas** (or whatever it is you celebrate). Be happy, give gifts (and make sure you get some, too.)

The **library** is open till 1 a.m. for tomorrow's exams. All because studying is so much fun.

Three more. You can do it.

**TUESDAY**

December 15

And today we have **another round of exams** (which are tests given to us to see if we really learned anything at all in the past 15 weeks). To help with tomorrow's round, the **library** is kind enough to keep its doors open till 1 a.m.

Oh, seniors, they don't expect you not to drink all week. **Senior night study break** is at **Dana's** at 11 p.m. Get your work done early, because they are serving free food just to get you there. The upstairs is all for seniors, especially the ones graduating.

For everyone else, stay up all night and study.

Two more days. It is almost over.

People in the dorms need to **clean out their rooms**. They are spraying for bugs. And you are not allowed back in to get anything you forgot. And don't forget to take your fish; you can't feed them over break if they are in your dorm room and you aren't.

Good luck on the rest of exams (they go until Thursday). Have a **safe trip home** (or wherever you are going). Have **happy holidays**. Have a **happy New Year's**. Don't drink too much; it's not good for the liver. Until the next issue, find your own entertainment.

**One bottle of beer** on the wall, one bottle of beer. Took it down and **drank it all**. Time to pass the bottle on down.

Official sign-off.

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